

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th December 2000 commencing at 7.30 p.m**

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mr D Minkley

Mr R Moyle

Mrs M Pickford

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)  
One Local Government Elector

**1 APOLOGIES**

Mrs D Edmonds, Mr I Sharpe and Mrs L Spicer sent apologies for absence, all due to business commitments.

**2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 14th November, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Traffic through Burton.** A letter from Mr Kuziara, Group Manager for Transport Programmes and Improvements at County Hall was read suggesting provision of a Zebra crossing on the eastern (Melton Road) side of Burton village centre and enclosing a proposed layout. This would involve resiting the two bus stops. This was welcomed and, after discussion, it was agreed to take up Mr Kuziara's verbal offer to set up a meeting with Mr Matthew Smith of his staff to look at the proposal in detail.

A response from Sergeant Arnold of the Quorn Local Policing Unit, arising from Mr Polak's protest, was also noted as was supportive comment by Andy Reed MP in the Loughborough Echo.

## **5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

The Insurance claim for damage to the Garage is being prepared.

A meeting has been called for 10th January inviting all village organisations to join with the PFA in arranging a larger scale Midsummer Fete. The Council, whilst supportive, will not participate in its own right since most Members are already involved with other organisations.

## **6 VILLAGE HALL**

There is no news as yet of the proposed enlargement/enhancing of the Duke of Somerset photograph.

Mrs Pickford advised that a leak above the window in the Committee Room will receive attention.

## **7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

The driveway to the Burial Ground has still not been laid due to continuing inclement weather.

The Chairman noted that a lot of wood had come down in the spinney fronting the burial ground and G & J Lambert will be asked to clear this.

## **8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

The Governors, like the Council, were not happy with the letter from the County Council ruling out traffic calming in Barrow Road. They will confirm this by letter, upon receipt of which the Clerk will ask the County to reply to the specific points raised and so far unanswered.

## **9 PLANNING**

**Local Plan.** Various documents comprising Addenda to the Inspector's Report have been received but they have no particular relevance to local issues.

**P/99/023294 - Airfield Proposed Activities.** Further activities involving two helicopters were noted on 24th November. Again the frequent flights did not follow the proposed routeing and were clearly audible in Burton. The Clerk has sent full details to the Borough Planning and Environmental Health Departments. This Application has still not been decided and Councillor Shields is pressing for early consideration.

**P/00/02482 - proposed erection of detached garage to front of 18 Melton Road, Burton (Mr G Plunkett).** Following discussion, it was decided not to object to this application.

**4 Hall Drive, Burton.** From the floor and by invitation, an Elector raised concerns about the lack of right of objectors to appeal under the planning process. More specifically, he had noted that the protracted extension to No. 4 Hall Drive was not in accordance with the scheme which had been agreed after various amendments last year. Some work on the upper extension already completed has very recently been removed and replaced by a more obtrusive feature. Councillor Shields advised that recent changes in Human Rights legislation emanating from Europe may result in changes in the planning process. The Clerk has had no advice of changes to the approved alterations at 4 Hall Drive and will take the matter up with Mr Hodgett at the Borough Council.

**Burton Hall.** There is no further news of proposed developments at the Hall or on the paddock. Councillor Shields felt that the Borough Council's responsibility to check for dilapidation may not be very regularly carried out. The Clerk will ask what specific checks are made.

## 10 MILLENNIUM

**Lion's Mouth Fountain.** After debate, it was decided not to commission a commemorative plaque.

**Millennium Garden.** Mrs Linda Sutton had prepared a Progress Report and a copy will be circulated to members. The ground will need treatment for 'twitch' which is entrenched and again growing strongly. Invoices received to date total £4579.31 excluding VAT, leaving a balance of £7920.69 as yet unspent. The Safety Barrier on Seymour Road has now been installed by the County Council.

**Millennium Books and Mugs.** Just one Book and six Mugs were sold at the Christmas Fair stall (together with five 'Welcome' Guides). 38 books and 74 mugs remain and it seems clear that the market is sated. Most of the remaining books are being left with Mrs Joy Atkinson who offers them to newcomers along with the 'Welcome' guides. It was agreed to make the remaining mugs available to the Village Hall - Mrs Pickford will ascertain how many they require. The remainder will then be split between the School and the PFA (for the Pavilion).

## 11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The County have paid the £114.25 invoiced for clearance work to date.

The Chairman has prepared a draft local footpaths leaflet and a meeting will be set up with Mr McWilliam to progress this.

## 12 ENVIRONMENT

**Storm Damage.** The uprooted tree in Springfield Close has been removed but the other items noted at the last meeting have not yet been attended to.

**Flooding Risk in Brook Street, Burton.** The Environment Agency advise that as the brook is not designated as Main River, its maintenance is primarily the responsibility of the riparian owner on whose land it is located. The District Council have powers to ensure that maintenance is carried out. Mr Norman Perkins of Charnwood Borough Technical Services has been out to see the situation and reported back to the Clerk. A letter from Mr Peter Rook, Head of Engineering Services was received this afternoon and details their view of the situation. They advise residents not to personally involve themselves in clearing the grid and they will replace the staging above it. There will be regular inspections and they are considering installation of alarms. They believe that the additional run off from the proposed new housing at Brook Street/ Melton Road will be very small.

The Clerk will respond pointing out that , whilst the advice to residents not to become involved is welcome, this can only come about if an effective alarm system is installed to which the Works Division emergency services will respond immediately at any time day or night, every day of the year.

**Poultry Farm, Sowters Lane.** Following the last Meeting, Councillor Shields had supplied a Borough Summary of the current situation and the Clerk has now received a letter from Miss Green containing essentially the same information. This includes readings taken at the Dust Deposit Gauge in Towles Fields but it is not clear what significance should be attached to these readings. The Clerk will seek clarification.

**Springfield Close/Barrow Road footpath.** County Highways advise that resurfacing has been added to the list of potential schemes for when funds are available. The Clerk will urge that this be included in next year's budget.

**Association of Airport Related Parish Councils.** The next meeting is on 11th January but it was decided not to send representatives to these meetings unless items of particular concern were scheduled. They are requesting £100 each from member Councils for advice from a legal expert on the implications of new Human Rights legislation on airport nuisance issues. It was decided not to contribute.

**Lamppost outside Spinney Farm, Melton Road, Burton.** The Chairman advises that this light is still out and neither the County nor the Borough accept responsibility. The Clerk will contact Charnwood to see whether they are prepared to attend to it for a reasonable fee.

## 13 FINANCE

A VAT claim totalling £1376.98 has been made and received.

Natwest have, after six months, conceded that their monthly voucher charges were incorrect and have refunded £22.75.

Total funds per Bank Statements at end November were £21,013.21.

## 14 CHEQUES

A £30.00 cash float drawn on 1st December for the Christmas Fair was authorised - it has already been repaid to the Current Account along with £30.50 proceeds.

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	221.61 —
Intl.Tree.Found.	subscription	20.00 ✓
AARPC (Airport)	subscription	5.00 ✓
R Saunders	expenses	10.98 ✓

## 15 MISCELLANEOUS

**Countryside White Paper.** It was decided not to circulate this weighty document but instead the Clerk will circulate just Section 12 which covers local power for country towns and villages and envisages an enhanced role for quality Parish Councils. A summary booklet will also be circulated.

**County Council Best Value Review of Public Transport Services.** There are two questions in this document, the most important of which relates to priorities for use of public subsidies. The Clerk was instructed to reply that there is a requirement for extra services, including evenings and Sundays but that this should be seen as additional and not as a substitution for existing services, none of which should be sacrificed.

**Countryside Watch.** Mr Topham and the Clerk had attended an inaugural meeting for the North Wolds held at Burton Village Hall on 5th December. Sergeant Arnold of Quorn LPU had initiated this and there was an attendance of about 20 - though some were from Burton village rather than the outlying properties - from just under 100 invited. It is hoped to initiate something along the lines of Neighbourhood Watch for more isolated properties and, after some interest was shown, a further meeting will be held in January.

**North Area Police/Community Consultative Committee.** It was agreed to request that we continue to be sent Minutes by this organisation although we do not normally attend meetings.

**16 PRESS RELEASE**

This will include the Zebra Crossing proposal, Millennium Garden update, Flooding issues and the Poultry Farm.

**17 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The 2000/01 Outturn Estimate and proposed Budget will be presented, to enable the precept to be fixed. Allowance will be made in the budget for Millennium Garden maintenance.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 14th November 2000 commencing at 7.30 p.m**

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr D Minkley

Mr R Moyle

Mrs M Pickford

Mr I Sharpe

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:      Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)  
                          Two Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

All Members were present.

**2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 10th October, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Seymour Road, Burton, double yellow lines.** This work has now been completed, giving two additional parking spaces.

**Cotes Speed Limit.** Advice has now been received that objections and adverse comments have been over-ruled by the Director of Planning and Transportation and the scheme will come into operation on 18th December. A copy of the plan was shown to Members and is being displayed on the Cotes Notice Board.

**'Near Miss' in Burton Village Centre.** A letter dated 7th November from Mr Ian Polak of Seymour Road was read, describing an incident in which Mr Polak's eight year old daughter was nearly struck by an articulated lorry and trailer near the mini island. This letter will be copied to Mr Kuziara

at the County Council, Quorn LPU Commander Boulton and Andy Reed MP, with an accompanying letter referring to our previous concerns and requesting that further action be taken to improve safety.

## **5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

Mr Sharpe reported that two applications have been made for grants for a new roundabout. A request for grant aid towards new showers has been refused but it may be that the Football Club would be successful in a request. It was agreed that a Risk Assessment be carried out at a cost of £250.00. The annual playground inspection has been placed with RoSPA.

The Chairman advised that the meeting to advise the situation as regards skateboarding had been poorly attended. (see also Item 6)

The exceptional storms at the beginning of the month had completely demolished the cricket sightscreen and caused some damage to the garage roof. An insurance claim form has been requested.

G & J Lambert have cleared the greenery away from the 'Playing Field' road sign.

Friends and neighbours of Mr George Harvey, recently deceased, have organised a collection in his memory and, in view of his long involvement with the Playing Field and Cricket Club, have agreed with the PFA that a seat be purchased to be sited on the Field.

## **6 VILLAGE HALL**

It has not been possible as yet to make any progress with regard to the Duke of Somerset's portrait.

Mrs Pickford advised that notices have been displayed advising no skateboarding in the Village Hall grounds for safety reasons. Prices are being obtained for repairs to the ceiling.

Mrs Edmonds advised that the Christmas Fair is being held on 2nd December and, this being Millennium Year, the Management Committee would like each child to receive a small free gift from Santa Claus. It was agreed that the Council would fund this up to £100.00.

## **7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

ATB have not yet constructed the Burial Ground path because of the very wet weather over the past month.

*R. Saunders*

## 8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

A letter from M J Bradford, Senior Engineer of the County Council was read advising that the request for traffic calming in Barrow Road is not able to compete against very many similar sites countywide which actually demonstrate a greater case for road safety remedial measures funding. Members were disappointed and a copy of the letter has been made available to Mr Topham who will refer the matter back to the School Governors.

## 9 PLANNING

**Brook Street/Melton Road Development.** The Chairman reported on the meeting held on 17th October with Mr Duncan Shaw of McAlpine Homes, Daventry. The various concerns previously raised by Councillors were discussed. McAlpine hope to make a start on the site before the end of this year although Councillor Shields asserts that this is out of the question. As yet no consultation papers have been received from the Borough although there have been preliminary talks between them and the developers. It appears that the Borough want McAlpine to contribute towards additional play facilities on Burton Playing Field - the Parish has not been consulted about this as yet and may well have higher priorities. Councillor Shields strongly recommends that the Parish should list what it wants to gain from this development, which could include Barrow Road traffic calming (Item 8 above), when the consultation takes place. McAlpine seem to have been previously unaware that the land on which vehicles are parked near the pig farm entrance is owned by the County Highways.

**P/99/023294 Airfield Proposed Activities.** The Applicants have submitted revisions to the previous proposals in a letter dated 1st November. These particularly concern the helicopter activities but it was agreed that they are still unacceptable and that the Parish should maintain its total opposition to helicopter flights.

**Burton Hall.** Councillor Shields advised that the Developers have drawn up revised plans for the paddock. This has been discussed with Hall Drive residents who appear to find it acceptable although it has not yet been put before this Council for comment.

**P/99/01938 - proposed single story extension and conservatory to rear at 11 The Willows, Burton (Mr & Mrs Deacon) and**

**P/99/02205 - proposed retention of pitched roof over lounge extension to rear at 6 Huntingdon Close, Burton (T & M R Wright)**

and

P/99/02358 - proposed glazed roof over open sun terrace at the Old Woodyard, Prestwold (D M Jennaway).

There were no objections to these Applications.

## 10 MILLENNIUM

**Lion's Mouth Fountain.** This project is now complete with the fitting of the new copper inner bowl. The contractor has been paid. The grants from both the County and Borough have been applied for and received.

There has been no response from Mr Edmondson to the letter sent following the last meeting. There has been unprecedented torrential rainfall over the last month but there is no indication of any adverse effect on the boundary wall adjacent to the fountain.

Following discussion of the issue, it was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Topham and carried unanimously that the refurbishment of the fountain be commemorated in some way. This will be considered further at the next meeting.

**Millennium Garden.** Moss Solicitors have completed the transfer of land. A letter from Mr Byass indicates that he has charged a reduced fee for his firm's work on this transfer, which was appreciated by the Council.

Mrs Pickford reported that preparation of the ground for planting has been greatly hampered by the wet weather on successive Saturdays which has thwarted the team of volunteers.

Total spend to date is £4371.31 of which £3780 has been recovered from LEAF. This leaves £8128.69 as yet unspent from the £12,500.00 budget. All figures exclude VAT, which is recoverable.

## 11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mr Brian Rowell has indicated his willingness to contribute photographs for the leaflet. The Chairman felt that line drawings might be more suitable. A meeting with Mr McWilliam will be arranged to progress this.

An invoice for £114.25 has been raised on the County, being the maintenance expenditure for 1999/2000.

## 12 ENVIRONMENT

**Overgrown Hedge in Sowters Lane, Burton.** The Chairman advised that this has now been cut back, although in a very crude and brutal manner.

*R. Saunders*

**Footway, B676 from Cotes junction to Prestwold Estate junction.** The County advise that they clear such footways every six years. In view of our concern, they will bring this section forward a year and attend to it this winter.

**Footway, B676 at Old School House.** This was repaired and the kerb raised last week.

**Dog Fouling Sign, Footpath H 105.** The replacement sign has been obtained from Charnwood Signs and the Clerk has installed it.

**Abandoned Furniture etc in Stanford Lane, Cotes.** These items have now been removed.

**Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall.** Councillor Shields advises that he is pressing the Borough Conservation Officer for action.

**Storm Damage.** In the violent storm at the beginning of the month trees were uprooted in Springfield Close and alongside the Huntingdon Close footpath. Trees/bushes have been torn down on Melton Road fronting the balancing reservoir. The County will be asked to attend to these.

**Flooding risk in Brook Street, Burton.** A letter was read from Mr Brian Searson of Melton Road describing problems which have occurred recently at the grille where the brook enters a culvert beneath Brook Street. Both he and Mr Michael Oakland have spent long periods, sometimes through the night, clearing debris of all kinds away from this grille to prevent the brook spilling over and flooding Brook Street. This is unpleasant and hazardous work. Mr Searson, who was present, gave Members a graphic account of his experiences. He believes that these conditions were the worst in thirty years.

Members shared Mr Searson's concern and although it is understood that the Borough Council acts as contractor, it was agreed to write to the Environment Agency with details of this situation with an urgent request for action.

**Bus Shelters.** An offer of 50% assistance with the cost of bus shelters, up to £3000, from the County was considered but there is no requirement at present, given the difficulty of siting a shelter at Hall Drive, Burton.

**Poultry Farm.** Mr Sharpe advised that there has been a recurrence of objectionable smells recently. Councillor Shields advised that he is aware of this and has taken it up with Environmental Services. The Clerk will enquire what readings have been recorded on the monitoring equipment.

## 13 FINANCE

The 1999/2000 accounts have now been signed off by the auditors. Again they have charged 10 hours. Their only observation is that the Council do not have any formal tendering procedures and they recommend that the Council should consider setting a limit over which any purchases or contracting work will be put out to tender. The Clerk was instructed to reply that this is not considered appropriate given the relatively small levels of Parish Council expenditure.

A letter from Moss Solicitors advises that **Mr George Norman Harvey, deceased**, Springfield Close, Burton has bequeathed by his Will a legacy of £5000.00 to the Burton on the Wolds Parish Council and, in doing so, directed that this sum be used for the benefit and enjoyment of all members of the parish. The Council, whilst saddened by Mr Harvey's demise, warmly welcomed this generous bequest. A decision as to its disposal will be taken once the money is received.

## 14 CHEQUES

The following cheques, raised since the last Meeting, to expedite work on the Millennium Garden and to obtain the dog fouling sign, were approved:

M Pickford	Mill. Garden	28.80 ✓
Charnwood Signs	Dog sign	27.00 ✓
L. Sutton	Mill. Garden	322.18 ✓

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	272.33 ✓
PWCoopers	audit fee	303.15 ✓
Moss Solicitors	land purchase	229.00 ✓
G & J Lambert	maintenance	59.75 ✓

## 15 MISCELLANEOUS

The Chairman reported back on the **inaugural joint meeting of local Parish Councils** held at Wymeswold on 11th October. Some notes on the meeting at which six Councils were represented had been circulated.

Arising from that Meeting, the Clerk had obtained information on the **Association of Airport Related Parish Councils** which comprises 28 Councils with a common interest in monitoring developments at East Midlands Airport. They meet every six weeks or so and the membership fee is £10.00 for Councils with over 1000 residents. An Agenda for a meeting tomorrow and Minutes of the last meeting have been supplied by the Secretary, Mrs Lesley Pendleton who is also Clerk to Kegworth Parish Council. It was agreed to join this Association.

The Council has been consulted about the future structure of the **County Council Executive**. It was agreed to indicate preference for the Leader and Cabinet form. The Clerk has responded to the **National Rural Services Survey 2000** conducted by The Countryside Agency, for each of our three parishes. Details of a meeting of the **L & R A P L C** were noted. It was felt that no purpose would be served by attendance at these meetings. A note from Joan and Peter Shaw re the **Lord of the Manor** and local land ownership by the Duke of Somerset will be circulated.

## 16 PRESS RELEASE

to include Cotes speed restriction, Millennium Garden, George Harvey legacy, Barrow Road traffic and Flooding risk in Burton.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th October 2000 commencing at 7 30 p.m.**

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr D Minkley

Mr R Moyle

Mrs M Pickford

Mr I Sharpe

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Two Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

All Members were present.

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 12th September, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Seymour Road, Burton, double yellow lines.** Although the post indicating the limit of the restricted zone has been moved, the lines have still not been burned off. The Clerk will ask the County Council to expedite this.

**Cotes Speed Limit.** The 30 mph limit has still not been introduced and, according to LCC, this is because County Councillor Mrs Goodman has not responded to various communications regarding objections raised by the Police. The Clerk will ask Borough Councillor Mr Shields to contact Mrs Goodman to progress this long outstanding issue.

**5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

The meeting with skateboarders will be held on 17th October. Unfortunately it seems that nothing can be done for them, due mainly to the onerous conditions required by the Insurance Company.

## **6 VILLAGE HALL**

The £500 grant from the Borough for the pathway has now been passed over to the Council by the Committee.

Photographs of Algernon, 15th Duke of Somerset, have now been received from the Resident Agent. Unfortunately, these are not of high quality and the Chairman is endeavouring to have them enhanced so as to make them suitable for exhibition in the Committee Room.

Mr Peter Shaw has kindly passed over to the Council a copy of the photograph taken for the Wolds Historical Society as part of its Millennium project.

## **7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

ATB Construction have now quoted £1025.00 in total for surfacing the entrance to the Burial Ground and this was accepted.

## **8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

The County Council have not as yet trimmed back the greenery obscuring the 'Playing Field' sign at the school entrance and it was agreed to ask G & J Lambert to attend to this. Similarly, there has been no response as yet to the renewed request for traffic calming in Barrow Road.

Mr Topham advised that the School Governors had joined the protest against low flying helicopters from the Prestwold Estate and handed over a copy of their letter to the Borough Director of Planning.

## **9 PLANNING**

**P/00/01940 - Proposed Change of Use and Conversion of Barn at Langs Restaurant, Burton (Mr G Lang).** This is an amended version of Application P/00/00259 and again no objection will be raised.

**P/00/01926 - Proposed single storey extension to rear, 30 Springfield Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs B Atkinson).** No objection.

**Proposed Development at Brook Street/Melton Road, Burton by McAlpine Homes.** McAlpine are now ready to submit an amended proposal to Charnwood for this Pig Farm site, following publication of the Planning Inspector's Report on the Draft Charnwood Local Plan. They have asked for a meeting with the Parish Council as soon as possible to discuss matters of concern and it was agreed to offer them 17th or 18th October at the Village Hall. The Chairman, Mr Minkley, Mr Topham and the Clerk will attend and report back. Members reviewed comments on previous submissions for this site and it was agreed to use these as the basis for

discussion now, at the same time raising the requirement for a roundabout at Wymeswold Lane/ Melton Road as part of the project. A CPRE circular regarding the Government's revised PPG3 proposals for greenfield sites was noted in this context.

**Areas of Special Control for Advertisements.** Another CPRE circular draws attention to the dangers of unsightly hoardings in the countryside if Government proposals to relax the current regulations are adopted. It was agreed to fall in with the CPRE suggestions and write opposing these proposals to the Secretary of State with copies to Charnwood Borough and to Andy Reed MP.

### **Millennium**

**Lion's Mouth Fountain.** The restoration has now been completed except for replacement of the inner copper bowl. This should be installed within a few days and the remaining debris removed. Members agreed that the quality of work was fully up to expectations and it was agreed to pay the contractor £3630.75, inclusive of VAT, as quoted, as soon as the outstanding work is carried out.

Mr S J Edmondson, owner of the fountain, has written to complain that the flow of water on to his property whilst diverted to enable work to proceed has caused actual and potential damage to adjoining sections of the wall. Capitol Stone have furnished their comments on this letter. It was agreed that these complaints are greatly exaggerated and a robust response will be sent.

There was discussion on the wording of a possible plaque to be placed at or near the fountain commemorating the restoration. No agreement was reached and the issue was deferred until the next meeting.

**Millennium Garden.** Moss Solicitors advise that the land purchase from the Borough Council has now been completed, a cheque for £100.00 having been sent for this purpose. A cheque for £3780.00 has been received from LEAF to pay the first ATB Construction invoice. A quotation for alternative grit bins has been passed on to Mrs Pickford.

Mrs Pickford advised that the wooden fencing for the Playgroup secure area has been installed, with a trellis. It had been intended that a working party would clear the garden area last Saturday but it was too wet and this has been rescheduled for this week. Planting of autumn shrubs and plants will follow.

### **11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

Mr McWilliam advises that even a locally produced sketch map will be liable to the Ordnance Survey copyright fee, since it will be assumed to be based

on their material. Mrs Edmonds will check this contention independently.

Once all material, including any photographs, is assembled, Mr McWilliam will come out to meet us to progress the leaflet. The County will produce it, letting us have one per household, say 3/400, free of charge, they putting further copies on sale. It was agreed to approach Brian Rowell regarding photographs, he having taken many for the Millennium Book.

## 12 ENVIRONMENT

**Heritage Wardens.** The Council welcomed the news that Linda and Paul Sutton have now volunteered for this position, jointly with Joan and Peter Shaw. An invitation to the launch of the scheme on 21st October will be passed over to them.

**Airfield Related Problems.** Mr Moyle advised that Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe will endeavour to end the nuisance caused by Everyman vehicles refuelling in Burton.

**Overgrown Hedge in Sowters Lane, Burton.** The Manager of the Poultry Farm has advised that they do not lease this hedge as part of their operation. He has spoken to the owner, Mr Wheeler, about it and he has given a positive response regarding cutting it back.

**Travellers at Cotes.** The Borough advise that the derelict caravan is definitely a County responsibility. The Clerk has asked them to remove it.

**Footway, B676 from Cotes junction to junction at Prestwold Estate.** The Borough (Mr Cameron) are looking into this.

**Footpath H105 from Springfield Close to Barrow Road, Burton.** There has been no response as yet to the request to resurface this.

**Dog Fouling sign, Footpath H105.** Charnwood Signs of Loughborough have quoted £27.00 to replace this defaced sign and it was agreed to accept this.

**Abandoned Vehicles.** One car has been removed from Stanford Lane, Cotes and the Borough have the second in hand, along with removal of other dumped items.

**Overgrown Hedge, Mundy Close footpath, Burton.** Following complaints received, the occupants of 10 Mundy Close have been asked to attend to this.

**Water Leakage, Stanford Lane, Cotes.** Mrs Spicer advised that this long standing spillage from a manhole cover still continues. The Clerk will investigate.

**Prestwold Hall Estate boundary wall.** The wall is still in an ever worsening state of disrepair and the Clerk will find out the latest position from Councillor Shields.

### **13 FINANCE**

The Clerk distributed copies of the half year Financial Report, a copy of which is attached to the original Minutes.

H M Customs & Excise at Derby had queried aspects of the last VAT return, particularly with regard to expenditure on the Village Hall surrounds. They have accepted that VAT on Millennium Garden expenditure is recoverable.

### **14 CHEQUES**

The following cheques raised since the last meeting, all to expedite work on the Millennium Garden, were approved:

Roberts & Lyons	£73.79	✓
Harlow Bros. Ltd.	64.34	✓
Moss Solicitors	100.00	✓

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	Salary/expenses	232.53	✓
Viking Direct	Office supplies	168.49	✓
ATB Construction	Mill. Garden	4441.50	✓
Capitol Stone	Fountain	3630.75	✓
G & J Lambert	Maintenance		
	67.65 + 65.50 =	133.15	✓

### **15 MISCELLANEOUS**

**The Inaugural Meeting of Local Parish Councils** will take place at Wymeswold tomorrow. The Clerk will complete a Questionnaire for the **Charnwood Borough 50+ Leisure Directory**. Note was taken of circulars regarding the **County Association POD Scheme**, an **East Midlands Development Agency Seminar** and **Millennium Beacon bonfires**.

### **16 PRESS RELEASE**

This will cover the Fountain, Millennium Garden, Burial Ground path and Heritage Warden appointments.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

# COMPARISON TO BUDGET

		<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Balance o/s</u>
<b>RECEIPTS TO 30.9.00</b>				
Rate precept		7,000.00	7,000.00	-
Allotment rents		200.00	260.00	(60.00)
Bank Interest		50.00	21.82	28.18
VAT recoverable	A			
Miscellaneous	B	400.00	286.50	113.50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>7,650.00</b>	<b>7,568.32</b>	<b>81.68</b>
<b>PAYMENTS TO 30.9.00</b>				
Clerk's salary		2,216.00	1,106.94	1,109.06
Clerk's travel		150.00	53.74	96.26
Office accommodation		300.00	150.00	150.00
Insurance premium		640.00	637.78	2.22
Telephone rental		154.00	84.59	69.41
Telephone calls		50.00	25.06	24.94
Postage		50.00	21.82	28.18
Stationery, etc.		220.00	137.21	82.79
Subscriptions		253.00	222.24	30.76
Audit fee		252.00	-	252.00
Miscellaneous		100.00	22.25	77.75
<b>SUB TOTAL ADMIN</b>		<b>4,385.00</b>	<b>2,461.63</b>	<b>1,923.37</b>
Playing Field		2,000.00	1,552.45	447.55
Village Hall		1,220.00	732.55	487.45
Allotments	C	35.00	697.06	(662.06)
Burial Ground		450.00	359.19	90.81
Millennium	D	2,000.00	2,072.76	(72.76)
Miscellaneous		100.00	27.60	72.40
<b>SUB TOTAL, OTHER</b>		<b>5,805.00</b>	<b>5,441.61</b>	<b>363.39</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE, PRE-VAT</b>		<b>10,190.00</b>	<b>7,903.24</b>	<b>2,286.76</b>
<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>(2,540.00)</b>	<b>(334.92)</b>	<b>2,205.08</b>

## HALF YEAR COMPARISON TO BUDGET, 2000 - NOTES

### RECEIPTS

- A VAT recoverable. VAT has been excluded this year, in accordance with the Auditors' requirements and also because the figure is distorted by the large capital one-off Millennium transactions.
- B Miscellaneous This is mainly sales of Millennium Mugs, £203.50 - see also (D) below.

### PAYMENTS

- C Allotments £680.00 hedge laying was unbudgeted.
- D Millennium This covers the Children's Party and the Mugs. Although the cost is over budget by £72.76, this is being more than offset by Mug sales - see (B) above.

KWD 7.10.00

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th September 2000 commencing 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds (from Item 9)  
Mr D Minkley  
Mr R Moyle  
Mrs M Pickford  
Mr I Sharpe  
Mrs L Spicer  
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)

**1 APOLOGIES**

All Members were present as indicated above.

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 8th August, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**'Welcome' Information Pack.** Members thought this to be an excellent production and a letter will be sent to Mrs Joy Atkinson thanking her for it. Copies will be made available to existing residents at £1.00 each, via the Clerk.

**4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Seymour Road, Burton, double yellow lines.** The unwanted lines have not yet been burned off.

**5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

The Chairman advised that she has persuaded the suppliers to replace the safety surface surrounding the roundabout free of charge, since it should not have deteriorated to this extent within five years. The work should be carried out within the next week.

The skate boarding issue is as yet unresolved. Teenagers have been using the School grounds without authority as well as the Village Hall pathways. The Chairman reported that there appear to be insuperable insurance difficulties in providing a ramp or pipe facility and the demand, though persistent, comes from very few individuals. The issue will be considered further at an imminent PFA meeting and it was suggested that a second meeting should then be held with the youngsters to tell them exactly what can or cannot be done for them.

## **6 VILLAGE HALL**

Mrs Pickford will enquire about the £500 grant from the Borough Council towards the path which should have been received by the Management Committee and transferred to the Council by now.

It was noted that the fence panels adjoining the property on Loughborough Road have been replaced but are in poor condition. It is not clear whether these are the original damaged panels or replacements. Mrs Pickford will enquire.

The Clerk has reminded Mr Ashby, the Agent for the Duke of Somerset, that we have not received the promised photograph of Algernon, the 15th Duke. He hopes to arrange this shortly.

## **7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

The revised quotation for the Burial Ground path has not as yet been received from ATB Construction

## **8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Mr Topham returned the LCC Questionnaire completed by the Headteacher and this will be forwarded in the name of the Council.

The 'Playing Field' direction sign has now been installed by the County Highways on the edge of Barrow Road facing Towles Fields but is obscured by greenery. They will be asked to clear it.

Mr Topham noted that traffic calming humps had now appeared in Sileby as well as in Quorn and Mountsorrel. If they can be installed in those places, then why not before the School in Barrow Road? The Clerk will take this up with the County Authority.

## **9 PLANNING**

### **Availability of Applications and Plans for local consultation.**

The Borough have asked what facilities might be available for local residents

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to inspect Planning Applications and the Clerk has advised them that he can make these available at his home address on request.

**P/00/01490 - proposed conservatory to rear of 13 Hall Drive, Burton ( Mr K. Ross).** This consultation had had an expiry date of 7th September and, as there were no controversial issues, the Chairman had raised no objection.

**P/00/01716 - proposed formation of vehicle access from Wymeswold Airfield to Prestwold Lane (Mr E Packe-Drury-Lowe).** This proposed access route is for temporary use on corporate days and, after discussion, it was decided on the Chairman's casting vote to make no comment.

**P/00/01690 - proposed erection of three detached and three link detached houses and garages and garage block for Burton Hall and**

**P/00/01691 - proposed conversion of Burton Hall to four dwellings and formation of garage.**

These two Applications, by Steeple Grange Investments, were taken together. They follow the Planning Inspector's upholding the Borough Council decision to refuse P/00/00001. The two parts of the previous Application have now been separated again and it was agreed to raise no objection to 01691, which relates to conversion of the Hall itself and is the same as before.

It was agreed that the new Application for the paddock with six dwellings instead of seven and some rearrangement of the layout offered very little improvement and did not meet the Inspector's objections. The Borough had stipulated a maximum of four dwellings when giving Outline Permission in 1998 and this should be adhered to. The Applicants' contention that a reduction in the number of apartments superseded this was felt to be misleading since there was unlikely to be any reduction in the overall numbers of occupants and especially road vehicles.

Concern was also expressed about the potentially deteriorating condition of the Hall during this prolonged spell of disuse and, in objecting to the Application, the Borough Council will be asked to ensure that this listed property is properly maintained.

## 10 MILLENNIUM

**Lion's Mouth Fountain.** Capitol Stone started work on site last Thursday, 7th September.

**Millennium Garden.** Mrs Pickford advised that there has been good progress since the last meeting. ATB completed the site clearance and have

laid the pathways. The hawthorn tree has been trimmed to allow access below. Fence posts have been installed and the fencing and gate to secure an area for the playgroup will be in place shortly. Soil tests will be carried out to assess whether fresh topsoil is required. Quotations are being obtained for railings to incorporate a wildlife theme. Gill Abell, Sally Davies and Bill Pickford joined the sub-committee which is overseeing the project. The grit bin has been moved behind the road sign. Enquiries will be made about the cost of replacing it with a less obtrusive design since the County Council are not prepared to arrange this. The County have been asked about provision of a roadside barrier opposite the pathway to Seymour Road. Mrs Edmonds has met an official on site and is inquiring about possible financial assistance from the Borough.

Moss Solicitors advise that Charnwood Borough have now approved the Transfer document for the land purchased from them and their letter dated 16th August detailing rights already existing was read.

The artist, Martin Heron has twice treated the 'owl' with linseed oil and suggests a final coating around end October, then an annual application of Cuprinol wood preservative. Mr Peter Shaw has been advised of this.

**Millennium Mugs.** Marcol Garage have sold six and the Post Office seven. Marcol are no longer stocking them. There is a balance of 86 unsold. The Clerk will book and man a table at the Christmas Fair to sell both mugs and Millennium Books.

## 11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The County Council have now carried out the various repairs requested earlier in the year.

The Ordnance Survey require a £45.00 fee to reproduce their map. It was agreed that a sketch map prepared by the Chairman would be more suitable.

The Clerk will contact Mr McWilliam at the County Council with a view to getting a leaflet prepared. Enquiries will also be made as to whether it is acceptable for the Parish to detail footpath numbers on signposts.

## 12 ENVIRONMENT

**Airfield Activities.** Miss Green of the Borough Environmental Services had responded to our letter confirming that she has recommended to the Planning Department that use of the site for helicopters be refused. She feels that this may be difficult though because of the previous use as an airfield.

There were further intensive helicopter operations on 4th September using the same flight paths as before and it was agreed to write once more to the

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Head of Development Control in protest, at the same time pointing out that Wymeswold has not been a licensed aerodrome for a great many years and any landing rights must long since have lapsed. Mr Topham advised that the School Governors were in the process of protesting about the disturbance to schooling.

The current Application has been on the table since January, since when the operators have carried on regardless. The matter needs to be brought to a speedy conclusion. Councillor Shields was able to advise that Mr Nick Hodgett hopes to resolve outstanding matters by the end of this month.

**Other Airfield related problems.** Ferrari vehicles from the Everyman operation have been noted making noisy and over excited visits to the garage for refuelling. Mr Moyle will raise the matter with Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe.

**Overgrown Hedge in Sowters Lane, Burton.** Mr Scottorn has advised that the hedge is not his. He believes it belongs to the Poultry Farm and a letter has been sent to the local Manager.

**Travellers at Cotes.** The caravan on the old Highways site is now derelict. The earth mound is at the fence line and cannot be any nearer to Cotes Road. Since April, the Borough have been responsible for vehicle removal from roadsides. They contend that this caravan is not on the highway but on County Council land. They should by now have met to decide which of them is responsible for its removal.

**Somerset Close/Seymour Road alleyway.** This has now been cleared.

#### **Alleged Vehicle Business Activities at 2 Somerset Close, Burton.**

Mr Dudley from the Borough Council has met the occupier who insists that no car sales are taking place. Diary sheets have been passed on to the complainant for completion should difficulties persist but there is some reluctance to do this. It is said that the problems appear to have eased since Mr Dudley's visit.

**Remedial Work on Trees.** A note from the Tree Wardens was read advising that work is being carried out on greens in Burton where residents have complained of trees encroaching into their gardens.

#### **Footways/Footpaths**

Mr Sharpe noted that the footways alongside roads between Burton and Loughborough were overgrown. Mr Topham noted that a short section of the footpath H105 in Springfield Close had been resurfaced but only as far as the barrier and would like to see the full length through to Towles Fields

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resurfaced. The Clerk will contact the Borough and County authorities respectively.

**Abandoned Vehicles.** There has been a red car abandoned in Stanford Lane, Cotes for about two weeks. There is a similar situation in Narrow Lane though it is not clear whether this is on the Wymeswold side of the boundary.

### 13 FINANCE

The bank balances at end August totalled £20,362.22.

The auditors required a change to the treatment of VAT in the annual Accounts which had the effect of increasing the deficit for year ended 31st March 2000 from £744 to £906.

Natwest have, without warning, started to charge £3.25 per month for return of paid cheques etc. They have been advised that this service is no longer required and asked for a refund.

### 14 CHEQUES

The Clerk's salary/expenses for June/July referred to in the last Minutes totalled £528.05.

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	230.96
G & J Lambert	maintenance	291.25
"	"	195.00
Cornhill Insurance	additional property	31.55
"	Village Hall	375.43
The Bakehouse	cake boxes	24.00

### 15 MISCELLANEOUS

The **Borough Chief Executive** advises that he will in future visit Parishes only by request rather than as a yearly initiative. Letters regarding **LCC Property Services, L&R APLC courses for Councillors and Clerks, a Leicestershire Constabulary Seminar, Community Council AGM, Charnwood News, Fire Service Millennium Auction and the Village Ventures Competition** were noted.

### 16 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the 'Welcome' booklet, Millennium news, the Burton Hall situation, helicopter overflights and the availability of planning documents.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th August 2000, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mr D Minkley

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:      Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor) - Items 1 - 11  
                            One Local Government Elector

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were apologies for absence from Mr R Moyle and Mr I Sharpe (both holidays).

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 13th June, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Welcome to Burton/Cotes/Prestwold Information Pack (Item 17)**  
Mrs Joy Atkinson has completed this Information Pack for new residents. A copy was shown to the Meeting and will be circulated afterwards.

**4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Road Surface, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold.** The road surface and footways have both now been attended to by the County Council. Mrs Spicer advised that work has also been carried out in Cotes.

**B676 through Burton, Red Strips.** These strips have now been reinstated.

**Seymour Road, Burton, double yellow lines.** The County Council advise that work to burn off the yellow lines will be carried out shortly.

**Bus Stop in Cotes.** Following advice from Mrs Spicer that the outbound bus stop sign had been removed, with consequent confusion, it has been arranged for this to be reinstated to the North side of Stanford Lane.

**30 mph Speed Restriction through Cotes.** The County Council advise that this scheme has been delayed by a Police objection. Councillor Mrs Goodman has been asked for her views. Although unwell, she assures the Clerk that she has responded.

## **5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

Cornhill Insurance have settled the Safety Surface claim for £20.00, there being an excess of £75.00.

The PFA Trustees Report for year ended 31st March 2000 has been received, showing a deficit for the year of £230 and reserves of exactly £800.

The Annual Fragmentation Insurance with Cornhill is due, at a nett premium of £189.82. In Mr Sharpe's absence, the Chairman reported that a comparable inspection is available from RoSPA at a premium of £55.00 for up to five items plus £2.00 per additional item. The Cornhill policy includes insurance for impact damage, though the risk of this seems slight and is in any case covered by our overall Policy. It was agreed to cancel the Cornhill policy and to go with RoSPA. The PFA are looking into a five year Risk Assessment offered by RoSPA which covers the whole field and not just the playground equipment.

Quorn Rawlins FC now have only one side (previously two) with a consequent loss of income. However another side have been identified to take up the alternate weekends.

## **6 VILLAGE HALL**

Mr Minkley advised that the owner of the land adjoining the Hall on Loughborough Road is not prepared to sell.

## **7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

Following a meeting with Mr Philip White of the PCC, Mr Minkley has drawn up an amended plan for a pathway into the Burial Ground, suitable for a hearse to pull in and park. A new quotation will be requested from ATB for block paving from roadside to the gate and quarry waste within.

A quotation of £844.00 has been received from G & J Lambert to spray and then plant the allotment bank with Vinca Major Variagatum (periwinkle). It was agreed that this expense is unwarranted and that the matter should be left until next Spring when spraying only can be considered.

## **8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

A letter and questionnaire dated 18th July headed 'Consultation on a Small Primary Schools' Policy' has been received from the County Council and Mr

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Topham will arrange for the School to complete this.

Mr Byass had been unable to give the Clerk any information about the costs of traffic mirrors. It seems that it may be possible to bypass the County Council's unwillingness to sanction them if they are erected on private land, in this case on the Pepper's land opposite the Towles Fields junction. The Clerk will endeavour to find out the source and cost of the Prestwold Hall mirrors.

## **9 PLANNING**

There were no new Applications for consideration. Planning Guidance notes from the Borough dated 19th June had been circulated and no comments received.

## **10 BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD LOCAL PLAN, INSPECTOR'S REPORT**

This long awaited Report has now been received, in five weighty volumes. Abstracts of those sections of direct relevance to our Parishes had been circulated. It was agreed that there were no real surprises, the Brook Street housing development being approved by the Inspector.

Councillor Shields recommended that when the Parish is consulted about the final detailed Application - the previous Application may well be reactivated - it should be conditional on a roundabout on Melton Road being included and funded by the developers.

## **11 MILLENNIUM**

It has not been possible to obtain a firm start date for the **Lion's Mouth Fountain** from Capitol Stone despite all efforts. They have clearly over committed themselves in Millennium year and are understaffed. The Clerk has asked Mr White of the County Council, who recommended this contractor, to intervene and he has promised to do so, or nominate an alternative.

Little progress has been made on the **Village Hall Wildlife Garden** and, in Mrs Edmonds' absence, it was agreed that Mrs Pickford and the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements without further delay. Mr Byass has confirmed that the land purchase from Mr Harrison is complete but that he has been waiting since May for the Borough to finalise their transaction. He is pressing them and no problems are anticipated.

Mr Peter Shaw has expressed concern about some splitting in the '**Owl Sculpture**' and he has spoken to Gillian Rutledge of Charnwood Wildlife about this. Mr Shaw volunteered to apply the recommended Linseed Oil preservative on an ongoing basis and was thanked for this offer which was

gratefully accepted. The Clerk will clarify the recommendations with miss Rutledge on her return from holiday.

The Clerk circulated a report on the '**Millennium Mugs**' which showed that, of 311 purchased, 162 were distributed free to local children (there may be a few more to distribute in Prestwold) and 47 have so far been sold at £3.50 each. Stocks have been placed at both the Post Office and Marcol Garage and they will receive 50p commission on each sale. A 'thank you' letter has been received from Mrs Viv Kenney for her gift of six mugs.

## **12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

G & J Lambert have been instructed to clear all the agreed footpaths and Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe has been kept informed. Mrs Slatcher of the County Council has confirmed that she is putting in hand the various repairs and corrections which we requested earlier in the year.

Preparation of the footpath leaflet for local distribution can now commence and the Chairman will attend to this. The Clerk will find out the cost of incorporating an Ordnance Survey map in this.

## **13 POULTRY FARM**

Beverly Green has advised that the Farm seem unwilling to release details of their emission readings to her. She has written to them about it.

Since there have been no residents complaints to this Council this year, it was agreed that it should no longer be a specific agenda item. Any complaints or developments can always be brought forward under 'Environment'.

## **14 ENVIRONMENT**

**Airfield Activities.** (This item was taken out of sequence after item 11 to enable Councillor Shields to participate).

The Clerk circulated a document summarising activities on 2nd August when there were intensive helicopter activities from the Airfield, frequently overflying Burton. There is also a new and noisy machine working in conjunction with the Everyman activities which is a considerable noise nuisance. It was agreed that a letter of protest be sent both to the Environmental Health section and to the Planning Officers, the latter in the context of the outstanding Planning Application for increased activities.

**Overhanging branches, Burton.** Householders have responded positively to the letters sent after the last meeting, as has a resident in Loughborough Road to whom a similar request was sent. A similar letter will be sent in respect of Fountain House, Melton Road. The Chairman raised another such problem with a hedge intruding three feet into Sowters Lane,

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which is not a public highway. The Clerk will request courteously that Mr Scottorn attend to this. Mr Topham advised that there are overhanging trees and bushes obstructing the footways around the Prestwold Hall Estate and the Agents will be asked to attend.

**Travellers at Cotes.** The County Council advised on 27th June that the eviction process had been put in hand. However it appears that a new mound of earth has just appeared, blocking in the existing caravan, which now seems to be derelict, but still leaving space for further intrusions from the road. The Clerk will take this up with the County.

**Heritage Wardens.** There has been no response to the appeal in the 'Link' and in the village column of the 'Echo'. It was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance though Mr Peter Shaw would like any further details of the Job Specification which might appear.

**Somerset Close/Seymour Road alleyway, Burton.** Following an approach from a resident, the Borough have been asked to clear this overgrown area and have agreed to do so.

**Alleged Vehicle Business Activities at 2 Somerset Close, Burton.** Following complaints, Mr Andrew Dudley of the Borough Environmental Health has investigated and will be writing suggesting that neighbours be asked to keep a diary of events.

**East Midlands Airport.** Following further noisy night time departures over Burton, the Airport authorities were asked when the proposed new departure routes would be implemented. Their reply indicates that this will not be until the Autumn, following liaison with the Civil Aviation Authority.

**Charnwood Design Awards.** It was decided not to enter.

**Street Furniture.** Mrs Pickford suggested that further consideration be given to improved quality street furniture which could incorporate a local motif. It was decided to leave this in abeyance whilst the Wildlife Garden receives priority for completion.

**Vandalism.** A traffic sign, litter bin and dog fouling notice, all on Barrow Road, Burton, have been defaced by aerosol paint. The Clerk will ask the various Authorities involved to clean or replace the items and locate a sign writer to replace the dog notice which belongs to the Parish. At the same time a quotation to replace a Notice on the Playing Field which is weather worn will be sought.

**Disposal of Garden Refuse.** The Chairman noted that there have again been instances of garden waste being dumped in hedgerows. A request to discontinue the practice will be included in the 'Link' report together with recycling information.

## 15 FINANCE

The Accounts are presently with the Auditors and the Clerk has the usual meeting at Southfields to discuss and return them tomorrow. The Clerk presented the Income and Expenditure Account (showing nett expenditure of £744), Supporting Statement, Balance Sheet and Notes which were submitted to the Auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers on 21st July. These were duly approved and signed by the Chairman and by the Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer.

A letter has been received from PricewaterhouseCoopers advising that they are to withdraw from auditing parish and town councils after the current year. It was agreed to write to the Director of Finance of Charnwood Borough reminding him of the problems we have experienced since PWC were first appointed, in particular the doubling of annual audit charges, with the request that auditors more attuned to small organisations be appointed and that it be made clear that timesheets must be made available on request.

The County Association have invited comments on a paper from the Audit Commission on the audit of local Councils. They appear to be aware of the problems being experienced by Councils such as ours and the Clerk was authorised to obtain a copy of the paper and to make appropriate reply.

The 2000 National Salary Award for Local Council Clerks has now been received and it was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Spicer and carried unanimously that the Clerk's salary be advanced in accordance with these recommendations, i.e. to SCP19 at £2237.83 per annum. This is backdated to 1st April, as is the increased mileage allowance, now 48.5p per mile.

## 16 CHEQUES

The following cheques drawn during the summer break were authorised:

G & J Lambert	maintenance	481.10
"	"	189.25
Stadia Services	Wetpour repair	111.63
Cornhill Insurance	PFA	262.50
Ceramic Designs	millennium mugs	1184.29

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

G & J Lambert	maintenance	435.25
Severn Trent	water (3 a/c's)	87.39
Gopak Ltd	VAT only	91.11

The Clerk was unable to present his salary/expense claim for July/August as records are currently with the auditors. It was agreed that this should be paid as soon as the claim can be prepared and authorised at the next meeting.

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## 17 MISCELLANEOUS

Wymeswold Parish Council intend to call the first **joint meeting** early in October and it was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would attend.

Mr Rod Ward of Brook Street, Burton has advised that he has started a web site at <http://www.burton-on-the-wolds.org.uk> and asks whether the Council would like to supply a list of members, notes of meetings and any other information. It was agreed to make basic information available, a list of Councillors (names only) and meeting dates.

Mr Topham made available an Air Ministry map of the dispersed sites around Burton relating to Wymeswold Airfield from 1946, with subsequent updates and this will be retained with the Parish records.

Letters from PRIDE requesting a financial contribution, from Bate Edmonds Snape (Solicitors) advising an application for permanent transfer of the Justices Licence in respect of The Six Hills International Hotel to Barry Douglas Starkey and from the L & R RCC inviting nominations for Trustee Members were all noted. It was felt that it would be of interest to sound out the views of other local Councils on the PRIDE request at the forthcoming joint meeting.

## 18 PRESS RELEASE

This will include a further invitation to purchase Millennium Mugs, overhanging trees, disposal of garden refuse and defacing of signs.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

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**MINUTES of a meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th June 2000, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds - from Item 7

Mr D Minkley

Mr R Moyle

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:      Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)  
                            Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor) - from Item 8  
                            One Local Government Elector

**1 APOLOGIES**

There was an apology for absence from Mr I Sharpe (business).

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 9th May, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Annual Holiday Break (Item 16).** Following enquiries amongst Members regarding their holiday plans, it was agreed to take the annual break in July.

**4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Traffic through Burton.** There was nothing new, a copy of the Clerk's notes following his attendance at the meeting between the County and local Councils at which he raised the subject having been circulated with the Agenda. (At a later point in the meeting, Mrs Goodman advised that the County Council are including in their Plan a full scale roundabout for the junction of Wymeswold Lane and Melton Road, Burton, likely timescale two years from now.)

**Leicestershire Local Transport Plan.** A copy of the latest Borough of Charnwood reaction to the public participation exercise had also been circulated and it was agreed that no further action is required.

**Road Surface, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold.** No response has been received from the County Highways and Mr Moyle pointed out that this poor surface is becoming increasingly hazardous, particularly to cyclists. The Clerk will ask for urgent attention to this problem.

**B676 through Burton, Red Strips.** At a later point in the Meeting, Mrs Goodman advised that this work is now imminent. Mr Shields noted that a Police Speed Monitor was in operation in Burton this evening.

## **5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

In Mr Sharpe's absence, the Chairman reported that the safety surface for the roundabout had again been damaged. The repair cost is £95 of which only £20 is recoverable under insurance. The Clerk will claim. The PFA will check the life expectancy of this type of surfacing before deciding how best to proceed for the future.

A letter from the Borough Council advising details of their Sports Facility Development Programme has been passed to the PFA.

## **6 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

Wolds Property (Ray Hardy) have still not quoted for the Burial Ground path. There was still a lack of clarity about the length and width required and it was agreed that Mr Minkley would draw up a diagram with dimensions.

The Allotment Society have let 13 out of the 15 plots this year, generating £260 rent, an improvement on £210 last year. It was agreed to write to the Society asking them to keep the newly laid hedge trimmed. G & J Lambert have recommended that the mound in the allotment car park be sown with periwinkle, which spreads rapidly and the Clerk was authorised to accept a quotation not exceeding £100 for this.

## **7 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Mr Topham reported on the meeting which took place on 11th May involving the Headteacher, the Clerk and Ian Lee of the Leicestershire Constabulary Traffic Management. Somewhat unexpectedly Mr Richard Majewicz, Assistant Engineer to the County Council had also attended. The meeting had not been particularly productive, Mr Majewicz not being prepared to move on from the position in his January letter and Mr Lee, although sympathetic, appeared unwilling to take any initiative.

The only positive was a willingness by Mr Majewicz to erect a sign opposite the Towles Fields entrance reading 'Sports Ground'. This would make motorists more aware of the junction there. The PFA, who have been consulted, would prefer the wording 'Playing Field', if possible, and it was agreed to advise Mr Majewicz accordingly. It was suggested that a mirror in

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this same position could be useful for motorists exiting Towles Fields though there was some doubt as to the legal standing of such mirrors. The Clerk will enquire of Mr K Byass who is thought to be aware of the circumstances surrounding such a mirror at the entrance to Prestwold Hall.

The Clerk to the Governors has written advising that Mr Topham's term of office expires on 22nd August and inviting the Council to make a nomination for consideration on 19th June. After Mr Topham had expressed his willingness to stand again, his nomination was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mrs Pickford and carried unanimously.

## 8 VILLAGE HALL

The new pathway around the Hall has been completed satisfactorily and the Notice Board relocated. The Management Committee and Playgroup have each contributed £1000, as agreed, and this will allow the cheque for ATB Construction to be signed.

Mrs Edmonds reported on the AGM, noting that it had been a good year with increased usage. Ticket sales for the forthcoming 'Detour' performance have been somewhat disappointing but there will still be a profit on the venture.

The new pathway had proved an attraction to skateboarders and, presumably from their actions, the fence to the neighbouring property had been damaged. and would need repair/part replacement. The Chairman had had discussions with certain individual skateboarders and the PFA had been involved in looking at possible facilities. In the ensuing debate it was noted that use of the Village Hall land for this purpose could deter other users and would be damaging once the Millennium Garden is created. The Chairman will advise those concerned that they should not skateboard at the Village Hall but that the PFA will look into the possibility of providing a ramp and suitable surface at Towles Fields.

The Hall Committee could be interested in acquiring additional adjacent land and Mr Minkley will make enquiries.

## 9 PLANNING

**Draft Local Plan.** Councillor Shields advised that the Inspector's Report has now been received by the Borough Council but is under embargo until 23rd June.

**Burton Hall.** Councillor Shields advised that the current Application has been withdrawn. Further developments are to be expected.

**P/00/00977** - proposed single storey extension to rear of **Workshop, Marcol Garage, Burton (Mr M Betts)**. This consultation had a deadline of 8th June and had been responded to without objection but with the request that the Borough consider privacy and line of sight issues.

**P/00/01074** - proposed single storey extension for garage and lounge extension to front and side, **9 Sowters Lane, Burton (Mr M Waller)**. There was no objection to this Application.

**P/00/01077** - proposed demolition of single storey extension and garage and erection of two storey extension and replacement detached garage to rear, **14 Brook Street, Burton (Mr M Bernstein)**. There was no objection.

#### **10 LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER AND RUTLAND STRUCTURE PLAN, 1996-2016**

Summaries of this document had been circulated with the Agenda but the full Deposit Draft had not completed its circulation amongst Members. It was agreed that no action should be taken.

#### **11 MILLENNIUM**

Work has still not commenced on the **Lion's Mouth** and a letter from Capitol Stone explaining and apologising for the delay was read. The Clerk will make it clear that we expect an early start.

An update on the **Millennium Garden** was distributed (copy attached to original Minutes). The award of £5000 from LEAF takes the assured funds to £12,500 and it was agreed that the Garden should go ahead. Mrs Edmonds and Mrs Pickford will make the necessary arrangements, in conjunction with the Clerk.

The **Children's Party** on 10th June was judged a success with over 100 children attending in good weather. An appreciative letter from Mrs Joy Atkinson was read. Aside from the £800 for the entertainer Bill Brookman, the PFA, with a great deal of voluntary effort, were able to keep the cost to the Council down to £240.85 with just the cost of picnic cartons to come. The original estimate had been £500.

The **Commemorative Mugs** had after all arrived in time for the Party and had been distributed. The PFA were arranging to get mugs to those children who had not been present. Mrs Spicer and Mr Moyle will notify additional requirements in their parishes. The design was well received and it was agreed to write to Mrs Viv Kenney thanking her and to present her with half a dozen mugs. A number had been sold at £3.50 each and in view of the apparent strong demand it was agreed to purchase a further one hundred and to ask the two local shops to sell them at this price, retaining 50p each.

## 12 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mr McWilliam has now confirmed that the County will meet the cost of two cuts per year. This is only firm for this year though it is hoped that it will be extended. Graham Lambert has been instructed to clear Footpath 13 and can now be advised to clear the others. The Clerk will first advise Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe, so far as paths across Prestwold Estate are concerned. Later in the year a leaflet will be drawn up describing the local paths. The County Council should finance and assist with this.

## 13 POULTRY FARM

There was nothing new.

## 14 ENVIRONMENT

**Overhanging Tree, Loughborough Road, Burton.** The County Council Inspector, Sean Phillips, has advised that the tree is healthy and that there is no immediate danger. He will discuss it at his next meeting with the Prestwold Estate and suggest that they might perhaps take some weight off it.

**Airfield Activities.** Mr Michael Fowkes of 25 Somerset Close, Burton, has agreed to allow monitoring from his garden. Beverly Green advises that she has a list of operating days in June and July from Everyman Racing and she and another will attend to the monitoring.

**Overhanging Branches, Melton Road, Burton.** The problem arises at Nos. 16 and 18. The Clerk will write non-threateningly requesting attention.

**Flood Warning Information Meeting.** Mrs Spicer gave a short report on the meeting which she and the Chairman had attended, with particular reference to new warning systems.

**Travellers at Cotes.** There has been no response from the County Council at Melton to our concerns about this site on the old highway and now an occupied caravan has been noted. The County will be asked to take action.

**Heritage Wardens.** The County Council Museums, Arts and Records Service are proposing the appointment of Heritage Wardens to record and promote all aspects of heritage, archaeological, industrial, geological, natural and social. The post would work in conjunction with existing Tree and Archaeological Wardens. Mr Paul Sutton is willing to take on a half share of this and it was agreed to seek a volunteer through the 'Link'.

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**Shire Grants.** Details of this scheme have been received from the County Council and will be distributed to the PFA, VHMC and School representatives.

## 15 FINANCE

A paper headed 'The Council's Financial Resources' had been circulated with the Agenda. Following consideration of this it was agreed that henceforth all Bank Interest (whether Capital or Current) should be credited to the Current Account. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Minkley and carried unanimously that the Council would operate with a £10, 000 reserve, this reserve being the combined total in Capital and Current Accounts.

## 16 CHEQUES

Authorisation was given for the following cheques issued since the last meeting:

Gopak Ltd	PFA tables, chairs	520.61/-
Bill Brookman Ltd	entertainment	940.00/-

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	219.76 ✓
Cornhill Ins.	Council policy	606.23 ✓
ATB Construction	V/H path	4700.00 ✓
CPRE	subscription	17.50 ✓
BOTW PFA	party costs	240.85 ✓

## 17 MISCELLANEOUS

There have been further delays with **circulated papers** and it was agreed that the Clerk would attach to each package a label for members to complete receipt and despatch dates. Invitations to the **Leicestershire Rural Partnership Annual Conference**, the **CPRE District AGM** and the **Charnwood Civic Service** were noted. The Clerk will respond to a **Questionnaire from the Leicestershire Constabulary**. A letter regarding **Action for a Better Charnwood** will be circulated.

A letter from Mrs Joy Atkinson volunteering to prepare a 'Welcome to the Wolds' information pack for new residents was warmly welcomed. Mrs Atkinson will be invited to go ahead with the Council meeting the cost, estimated at less than £1 per new household.

Mrs Pickford advised that an August Festival is being discussed for Burton, involving all the community and incorporating such things as Open Gardens. This was received with great interest.

*R Saunders*

18 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover news of the Millennium Garden, footpaths, the need to keep frontages clear of overhanging branches on Melton Road and elsewhere and the Heritage Warden scheme. Arrangements for sale of Millennium mugs will also be featured.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

*R Saunders*

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## MILLENNIUM GARDEN

### Update 13.6.00

- 1 Martin Heron has not yet been able to complete the 'Grasslands' artwork but hopes to do so shortly.
- 2 Ken Byass advises that the Harrison land purchase is now complete and the second purchase (from the Borough Council) is proceeding satisfactorily and should be complete any time now.
- 3 The grants situation is becoming clearer. The bad news is that we have been turned down by Transco (£1000) and by the misleadingly named 'Awards for All' (£2500). The good news is that LEAF have granted us the full £5000 requested.
- 4 This leaves just Shell (£1800) still to respond, apart from the Borough Council 'Charnwood Views' bench - prospects for success with Shell are completely unknown but it would be a disappointment if the Borough were to turn us down.
- 5 This means that we have £12,500 'in the bag' which should be sufficient to get the project under way. With the Parish Council holiday upon us, either in July or August, it would be useful to authorise the project tonight and delegate management to DE/MP and anybody else who can contribute.

KWD 13.6.00

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th May 2000, commencing at 7.47 p.m.**

Present:

Mrs R Saunders (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr D Minkley

Mr R Moyle

Mr I Sharpe

Mrs L Spicer

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:      Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor) - Items 1 - 13  
                                Four Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were apologies for absence from Mrs M Pickford and Mr K Topham (holidays).

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 11th April, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising other than those covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

**4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Traffic through Burton.** Following the last meeting, a reply has been sent to Mr Kuziara and letters urging provision for a roundabout at Melton Road/Wymeswold Lane in the Local Transport Plan sent to the Chairman of the County Council, the Charnwood Borough Transport Policy Coordinator, Andy Reed MP and County Councillor Mrs Goodman. Replies from Mr Reed and from Charnwood Borough were read.

**Seymour Road, Burton - double yellow lines.** The County Council are to issue a Notice relating to a traffic regulation order on 19th May indicating that any objections must be registered by 12th June.

**B676 through Burton, red strips.** Mr Lorimer of the County Council has advised that the reinstatement of these strips has been delayed as the quotations received were not satisfactory. They are inviting further quotations.

**Road Surface, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold.** Mr Moyle advised that this surface has become potholed and this will be reported as will the sunken footway on the Old School House corner to the west of Burton.

## **5 PLAYING FIELD/ PAVILION**

Mr C Betts, a former Chairman of the Council, was invited to speak and he gave a summary of the circumstances in which the land at Towles Fields was purchased from the MoD in 1980. They were not empowered to sell to the local council or Playing Field Association and thus would only sell the land to the Borough Council. In 1990 some of the land was sold for £67,000 to a Housing Association and it was with great difficulty that the Borough were persuaded that the proceeds of this sale belonged morally to the people of Burton. In the event, they passed over £32,000 to the Parish Council and this was how the Capital Account came into being.

The Chairman thanked Mr Betts for filling in the background as regards the source of the funds which the Council has at its disposal.

The Chairman read a letter from Mrs C Thomson, Chairman of the PFA requesting that the Council consider two projects - this was in amplification of requests previously made and deferred. A childrens' roundabout will cost £4281 with installation and safety surface and pavilion improvements £1214.42. In asking for favourable consideration, Mrs Thomson pointed out that £2000 previously pledged for a perimeter path had not been taken up.

It was agreed to consider this request under Finance (below).

The £625 grant from the Borough Council for the full cost of the improvements to the playwall has now been received.

## **6 VILLAGE HALL**

All Council Members are invited to the AGM on 23rd May.

Mrs Edmonds advised that work has started satisfactorily on the pathway around the Hall, following confirmation that the Borough will award 12.5% grant.

## **7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

Following the last meeting, Councillor Shields provided a specification for the Burial Ground path and ATB construction have quoted £900.00 on this

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basis and £600.00 for an alternative scheme. An alternative quotation from Wolds Property (Ray Hardy) is still awaited.

The laying of the allotment hedge has been completed to a high standard. Mr L Jackson, who owns the adjoining hedge, has been somewhat noncommittal about a timetable for cutting it back although he says that a farmer will cut it for him in the summer.

The earth mound created at the allotment car park last year has sprouted a crop of oil seed rape and it was agreed to engage G & L Lambert to clear this and suggest some suitable plant to quickly cover the mound without need of maintenance.

## **8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

In Mr Topham's absence there was no report but it was noted that the meeting involving the Police Traffic management is to take place later this week.

## **9 PLANNING**

**P/00/00686 - proposed first floor extension to side and porch at 1 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr & Mrs Goodwin).** This consultation had required response by 4th May and, following consideration by the Chairman, no objection had been made since the overall height of the property had not been increased.

**P/00/00796 - proposed change of use from Church to Dwelling, Burton Methodist Church, Melton Road (The Methodist Church) -** after discussion including the inadequate completion of the Application and lack of parking and garden space, it was agreed to raise no objection.

**P/00/00637 - proposed first floor extension to rear of 7 St Marys Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs G Adcock) -** there was no objection.

**P/00/00819 - proposed erection of general purpose agricultural building, Manor Lodge Farm, Nottingham Road, Burton (R E Staples & Sons).** The Council are not required to comment on this Agricultural Development Determination.

## **10 MILLENNIUM**

One further **Millennium Book** has been sold, at £4.50.

Following further delays, the County Council were approached and have agreed to extend their grant to year 2000/01 for the **Lion's Mouth Fountain**. The contractor has experienced problems with staff and now hopes to start work in about a week's time.

An update on the **Millennium Garden** was circulated (copy attached to the original Minutes). Mr Lorimer advises that the County could supply a grit bin in another colour for about £200. They may well agree to boxing in or repainting the current bin but we would need to formally approach them. There is no objection to resiting but the bin needs to be visible and accessible to fulfil its purpose. From bitter experience, they do not wish to become involved in disputes about resiting - it is up to us to decide on a site and satisfy any local objections.

**Commemorative Mugs** in bone china can be supplied at £1.92 with a screen print of the Lion's Mouth, Prestwold Church and Cotes Bridge at £16 per colour. It was agreed to ask Mrs V Kenney to create the artwork. These will be distributed free to all primary school children in the parishes, an estimated 150. An order for 200 will be placed to allow for sale to others at around £3.50. It is unlikely that the mugs will be available in time for distribution at the **Children's Millennium Party** on 10th June.

## **11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

Further correspondence with Mr McWilliam, including detailed maintenance quotations from G & J Lambert, has taken place and final agreement is believed to be imminent.

## **12 POULTRY FARM**

The Borough have now reached agreement with Severn Trent to reinstate their monitor in Towles Fields. Results from the first tests have not been encouraging but it is hoped to obtain more definite trends from the reports after the cycle ending in June.

## **13 ENVIRONMENT**

**Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall.** Councillor Shields advised the Council that a meeting involving Mr Tincknell from the Borough and the Estate had been held as a result of which it had been agreed that repairs to the entire wall would be carried out over a five year period, in brick, at the Estate's expense.

**Overhanging Tree, Loughborough Road, Burton.** There was no further news.

**Airfield Activities.** Mrs Edmonds and the Clerk had attended a meeting of the Liaison Committee this afternoon. It appeared that there had been a meeting last week between Borough officers and the Estate as a result of which it had been decided to use today's meeting to enable an Environmental Health official to prepare the ground for noise readings. These readings will take place unannounced at various points around the airfield, on Saturdays which is the busiest day. Every Saturday is currently

scheduled for rally activities but not for helicopters - the monitoring is only for surface vehicles. We are to nominate a site in Somerset Close or the higher part of Seymour Road where tests can be conducted

This meeting was held in the context of the current Planning Application which has not yet been decided by the Borough. The opportunity was taken to reiterate our views. A representative from Hoton (their new Clerk) attended for the first time and it is clear that Hoton share our concerns whereas Wymeswold seek only minor amendments.

**Overhanging branches, Melton Road, Burton.** Mr Topham had asked that a complaint of footway obstruction at 16 Melton Road be investigated. The Clerk had not thought there was any real problem and it was agreed that Members would make their own observations and report back to the next meeting.

**Power Cuts.** There have been several prolonged electricity power cuts in Burton over recent weeks but it was not thought necessary for the Council to raise a formal complaint.

**Flood Warning Information Meetings.** Mrs Saunders and Mrs Spicer will attend the meeting called by the Environment Agency on 25th May.

**Overflowing manhole in Stanford Lane, Cotes.** Mrs Spicer advised what appears to be foul water overflow and the Clerk will report this to the Borough.

**Former Burton Hall boundary wall, Melton Road.** It was reported that a section of this wall is being disturbed by a tree growing into it. An elector present was able to advise that Mr Edmondson has this in hand and no action was considered necessary.

## 14 FINANCE

A Capital Expenditure Forecast was distributed, showing £8800 so far committed this year out of a total of £19,667.06 available. The PFA requests detailed in Item 5 (above) totalling £5495, if agreed, would reduce the estimated year end Capital balance to approx £5372.

During debate on the PFA request, it was pointed out that there is also a surplus in the Current (Revenue) Account. Details of this were not to hand and the Clerk will supply them for the next meeting to enable the grant application to be considered against full knowledge of funds available for the purpose. Mr Minkley felt that the Council ought to retain £10,000 as a contingency fund. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried that £1214 be granted to the PFA for Pavilion improvements and that a decision on funding the roundabout be deferred until further information on grants from elsewhere is available.

## 15 CHEQUES

Authorisation was given for a cheque issued since the last meeting to the International Tree Foundation for £3.50 in respect of the Tree Warden's attendance at their AGM.

It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that the following cheques be authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	276.66
G & J Lambert	maintenance	267.75
Viking Direct	toner etc	150.31
P H Fencing	hedge laying	680.00

## 16 MISCELLANEOUS

A report by Mr P Sutton, our Tree Warden, on his attendance at the local branch AGM of the International Tree Foundation was read.

The Annual Meeting between Representatives of Parish and Local Councils and the County Council is due to be held tomorrow and since 'Traffic in Villages' is amongst the Agenda items, it was agreed that the Clerk should attend.

There is to be a Riding Safety Class on Barrow Road and Towles Field on Sunday next.

It had been agreed last year that the Annual Holiday break would be taken in August rather than July this year, subject to ratification nearer the event. It was agreed to take a decision at the June meeting.

## 17 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the Annual Meetings and election of Chairman etc., Millennium Garden and Children's Party updates and the Poultry Farm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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## MILLENNIUM GARDEN

### Update, 9.5.00

1. The 'Grasslands' artwork is now 98% complete. Martin Heron needs about another half day to finish it.
2. All that will then remain is to name it and commission some sort of Information Board/Dedication. This need not be put in place until the Garden is opened.
3. The Village Hall Management Committee paving project is underway and the Notice Boards are being moved to the western end of the Loughborough Road frontage.
4. Trevor Smith has seen the plans and is prepared to work with volunteers in preparing/planting the Garden. Some thought needs to be given to the basis on which he is to be engaged.
5. A first volunteer has come forward - Linda Sutton, of Springfield Close - with the offer of plants and some suggestions. She and Paul (our Tree Warden) will be happy to get involved.
6. The situation regarding grants is now as follows:

Parish Council	£5000 confirmed.
CBC Millennium	2500 confirmed.
LEAF	£5000 requested. John Winslow, the Scheme Administrator came out to view the site yesterday. Their Committee meets on 17th May and I am to ring him next day for the outcome. Off the record, he believes we have a good chance of getting most of the £5000.
Transco Grassroots	£1000 requested 9th April, for planting. No response as yet.
Awards for All	£2500 requested, for railings, gate etc. Acknowledged, we should hear by 16th June.
Shell Better Britain	£1800 requested for site clearance and materials. Acknowledged 19th April.
Charnwood Views	Individually designed bench applied for. Acknowledged, selection panel being set up. (Richard King, Arts Officer, seems supportive).

KWD 9.5.00

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**MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds,  
Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall  
Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th May 2000 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr R Moyle

Mrs R Saunders

Mr I Sharpe

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K W Davies (Clerk)

In Attendance:      Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)  
                          Three Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were apologies from Mrs M Pickford and Mr K Topham.

**2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting, 11th May 1999 were read by the Clerk, agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

**4 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Mr Minkley confirmed that he would not stand again, having already occupied the Chair for three years. A Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mrs Edmonds to which all Members subscribed.

It was proposed Mr Minkley, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried unanimously that Mrs Saunders be Chairman.

Mrs Saunders then took the Chair and informed the Meeting that it is her intention to occupy the position for one year only, working closely with the Vice-Chairman during that period.

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## 5 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded Mr Minkley and carried unanimously that Mr Topham be elected Vice-Chairman. Although Mr Topham was not present, he had given the Clerk a letter signifying his willingness to accept this role if Members so wished.

## 6 ELECTION OF DELEGATES

Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association Management Committee.  
It was proposed Mr Minkley, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that Mr Sharpe be appointed.

Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Committee.

It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that Mrs Pickford continue to represent the Council.

Leicestershire & Rutland Association of Parish and Local Councils.  
It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that Mrs Spicer and Mr Topham continue to represent the Council.

## 7 INVENTORY OF PARISH PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The Clerk circulated an Inventory updated to show the Insurers' recommendations. A copy is attached to these Minutes. It was agreed that the gang mower should be deleted and that the two War Memorials should be covered at £1400. It was felt that the risk to the playwall is so slight that no insurance is needed. The new 'Grasslands' sculpture will be added if ownership is to pass to the Parish Council; the Clerk is awaiting clarification of this from Charnwood Wildlife.

## 8 OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Shields advised that, as well as becoming leader of his Party on the Borough Council, he is to be Leader of the Council and will chair the Cabinet for the six month period from June. This may make it difficult for him to attend Parish Council meetings as regularly as he has done previously. He will no longer chair the Planning Committee but will certainly continue his interest in its decisions. This will be a crucial period as the Inspector's Report on the Draft Local Plan is expected in June. This will be a massive document covering innumerable issues Borough wide, amongst them those of particular interest in our parishes.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 7.46 p.m.

BURTON ON THE WOLDS, COTES & PRESTWOLD PARISH COUNCIL

INVENTORY

Description	Sum Insured 1999/2000	Proposed 2000/2001
Gang mower (see over)	£ 2800	£ 2800
Timber bus shelters	1489	1549
Timber Notice Boards (3)	621	646
Notice Board, Burial Ground	377	392
Timber seats (6)	994	1033
Taps (2)	345	359
Handbells (19)	2154	2154
Reconditioned sports motor roller	1051	1051
Garage	1986	2066
Office Desk	81	81
Filing Cabinet	60	60
Amstrad Computer and printers	525	525
Photocopier	392	392
Laminator	240	240
Pavilion	31025	32266
Lamp Posts	1313	1365
<u>Playing Field Association</u>		
Play Unit & Slide	4371	4546
Other Playground Equipment	6884	7160
Cricket Sight Screen	474	474
Perimeter Fencing of Tennis Courts	3378	3378
Timber Seat	93	96
Timber Picnic Table	340	353
Safety Surfaces	4120	4285
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	£ 65110	£ 67268

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See overleaf for Notes.....

## Notes

- 1 The Sums Insured have been index linked as suggested by Cornhill Insurance. Where there are increases overleaf, the amount is 4% although for some classes of equipment the increase is zero.
- 2 The Gang Mower has now been sold and can be deleted.
- 3 We said last year that when we obtained the new War Memorial we would cover both it and the old one, which has not previously been insured. The new one cost £702. Perhaps we should cover the two for £1400?
- 4 The Playwall at the Playing Field has not previously been insured. It has just been modified at a cost of £625. All Risks cover would seem pointless though Impact Only cover is probably available, if thought desirable?
- 5 Other acquisitions in the pipeline can be added as they come on stream. The Grasslands sculpture is already on site and, if ownership is to be vested in the Parish Council, we need to establish a value (check with Charnwood Wildlife).

**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish of Burton on the Wolds held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th May 2000 at 7.20 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)

Mr C Betts

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr R Moyle

Mrs R Saunders

Mr I Sharpe

Mrs L Spicer

Mr P Shaw

Mr R Shields

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were apologies for absence from Mrs M Pickford and Mr K Topham.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous Parish Meeting, dated 11th May 1999, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

It was pointed out that the Minutes should be headed 'Parish of Burton on the Wolds'. not 'Ward of ....' and this was noted for the future.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman's written Report was distributed to those present and a copy is attached to these Minutes. Mr Minkley added to this Report by thanking the Clerk for his assistance over the three years of his Chairmanship and congratulating Borough Councillor Shields on achieving leadership of his Party locally. In a short, personal statement Mr Minkley reflected on the sense of achievement he felt, having served an additional year over the customary two year period to take the Council into the new Millennium.

**5 OTHER BUSINESS**

There being no other business, the Meeting was closed at 7.26 p.m.

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## **PARISH OF BURTON ON THE WOLDS**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1999/2000**

#### **Planning Matters**

As usual, all planning applications on which the Parish Council has been consulted have been carefully considered and commented upon, taking into account the best interests of villagers as a whole.

Of particular concern has been the proposed development of Burton Hall and the surrounding area. It was pleasing to see that the Planning Inspector shared our view that certain aspects of the most recent Application were unacceptable and, whilst amended plans will no doubt be submitted, the Council will continue to urge that these be in keeping with the listed Hall and its surroundings.

The Emergency Services Training operations on the Airfield proved shortlived but a further Application for increased levels of activity on the airfield and the Prestwold Hall Estate is presently before the Borough Council. Whilst this Council understands that the Estate needs to be profitable, activities there should not be to the detriment of local residents, particularly as regards noise nuisance and the Council continues to oppose any such activities. During the year a Liaison Committee was formed with the Parish Council as a founder member, in order to bring together the Estate, the principal Event organisers and the Borough and Parish Councils. So far this Committee has met three times.

#### **Traffic/Highways**

I reported last year that progress had been slow in moving forward our campaign against ever increasing traffic, particularly Heavy Goods Vehicles, through Burton. The main delay had been waiting for a Police traffic census and eventually we commissioned and paid for this ourselves, rather than wait indefinitely. The census confirmed our belief that all types of traffic had been increasing and that the speed limits are widely ignored.

A detailed summary of the problems was submitted to the County Council and in response a senior Council officer and the local Police Inspector attended a well supported meeting in January. Whilst it is clear that the County, as Highway Authority, have no funds currently available for major bypass or other road works, some minor assistance is possible and it has just been learned that in a Local Transport Plan about to be submitted to Government, the County may be able to request funding which could facilitate a roundabout at the eastern end of Burton. The Council is lobbying strongly for this.

Burton Primary School Governors and Headteacher are campaigning for traffic calming in Barrow Road and the Council is lending its support. Efforts are well advanced to persuade the County Council to create additional parking spaces on Seymour Road. The Council has liaised with the Police to control the nuisance of speeding motor cycles attending Tuesday evening events at Six Hills.

## **Playing Field/Village Hall**

The Council continues to support, financially and otherwise, the committees which administer these two village assets. A £1500 grant towards providing a secure, paved area around the Village Hall has recently been made to the Management Committee and arrangements are now being finalised to offer financial support to schemes for improvements at the Playing Field.

## **Millennium Activities**

We have a busy Millennium programme and are determined to mark the occasion by leaving lasting benefits to the Community. Already the Millennium Book has been produced by Barrie Atkinson and his team and this has been acclaimed a great success, selling very strongly around the villages and more than covering its costs.

The PFA are holding a Midsummer Childrens' party with a popular entertainer and the Council is making a substantial financial contribution to this.

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**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th April 2000, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

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Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor) - Items 1 - 9

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**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising other than those covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

**4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Traffic through Burton.** Copies of a letter dated 7th April from Mr Kuziara giving his response to issues raised at the January meeting were distributed to Members. The more positive elements included reinstatement of the Rural Traffic Calming red strips, possible deployment of the Police Publicity Speed Trailer and a study of the problem of HGV's over running footways in the Village centre which might lead to a realignment of the pedestrian refuge. There was, however, continued refusal to resite the '30' signs on Loughborough Road.

Discussion centred largely on an indication that funding for a small roundabout at Melton Road/Wymeswold Lane could become available if a proposed amendment to the Provisional County Transport Plan styled 'Network Improvements for Strategic Lorry Routes' is adopted. It was agreed

to campaign vigorously for this amendment with all those who can bring influence to bear, including the Chairman of the County Council Highways Committee and County Councillor Mrs Goodman.

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**Road Markings, Seymour Road/Brook Street, Burton.** It was noted that this work had been carried out end March.

## **5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

Mrs Saunders indicated that there may be grant assistance available for the proposed roundabout but not for the Pavilion work. There had been no PFA meeting since the Council last met. No decision was taken on these requests for funding assistance.

## **6 VILLAGE HALL**

Mrs Pickford advised that there were problems with the inner main doors which were being looked at. Mrs Edmonds advised that a 'Detour' performance, by Simon Mayo and Hilary James, mandolins, has been booked for 16th June. Admission will be £5.

It now appears that the Borough Council will not decide on the grant application for £500 towards the pathways until 27th April although the work has been scheduled for the Easter weekend, immediately before that date.

## **7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

A quotation of £ 600.00 plus Vat had been received from ATB Construction for a brushed concrete path into the Burial Ground. It was considered that this did not fulfil all requirements and Councillor Shields offered to draw up a Specification for the path which would facilitate vehicle entry. Mrs Saunders suggested that quarry waste could be an alternative surface. Revised estimates will be produced for the next meeting.

PH Fencing have started work on the allotment hedge which should be concluded shortly. It was pointed out that the adjoining hedge, at Lee Jackson's property, is overhanging Melton Road and the Clerk will make an informal approach to have this cut back.

## **8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Mr Topham advised that a meeting has been set up with Mr Ian Lee of the Traffic Management Section of the Leicestershire Constabulary at the

School on Thursday 11th May at 3.15 p.m. He will be away but the Clerk will attend, together with the Headteacher.

## **9 PLANNING**

A letter from the Area Planning Officer (North), Mr Peter Blitz, was read concerning a Notice which had appeared concerning the application for Change of Use at Wymeswold Lodge, Narrow Lane. This gave the appearance of being an official notice issued by the Borough Council but that was not in fact the case. The Parish Council were asked for support in dissuading anyone from issuing such misleading notices.

A copy letter from the CPRE notifying the Planning Department of their opposition to P/00/00259, conversion of barn at rear of Lang's Restaurant, was read. It was noted that this Application had subsequently been refused.

**P/00/00555 - two storey extension to side of 7 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr A Warren) - revised Application.** This revision lowers the roof line of the extension to that of the original building. It was agreed that this met the principal objection of the Parish Council to the original Application although other objections raised to that Application by neighbours and the Borough would no doubt need further examination.

**P/00/00711 - proposed first floor extension at 9 St Andrews Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs Williamson).** There was no objection to this Application.

**British Gypsum Ltd - Review of Mineral Planning Permission, Barrow Mine.** This Application was notified by the County Council and relates to intended lateral extension of existing working. The existing permission was granted in 1980 and relates to 3450 hectares, part of which is beneath our parishes including many of the farm properties though not the villages themselves. A copy of the Application including the Non Technical Summary will be circulated amongst Members.

**P/00/00640 Application for Certificate of lawfulness of Existing use, Holly Lodge Farm, Narrow Lane, Burton (Mr W & Mrs E Pickavant).** It appears that this Application, which appeared on the Weekly List of Applications Registered, will be dealt with by the Borough Legal Department and not through the Planning process so no input from the Parish Council is required.

Councillor Shields advised that, following the Planning Inspector's decision regarding **Burton Hall and paddock**, a meeting between the developers and the Borough planners was held last week. The applicants are expected to return with a proposal, including parking, more sympathetic to this location.

## 10 MILLENNIUM

Further sales amounting to £18.00 have taken the cumulative profit to £248.01 at year end.

Capitol Stone advise that delay in getting started at the **Lion's Mouth Fountain** has been because it proved impossible to remove the inner bowl without doing further damage to it. They are now having a replica made. Work on the stone surrounds should start shortly. They can let us have an invoice for the job to meet the LCC deadline of 20th April. Inspection could not be before May when Michael White returns from holiday. It was agreed to arrange accordingly.

A Situation Report on the **Wildlife Garden** was distributed to members (copy attached to original Minutes.) The Clerk will talk to the Highways Department about either relocating or camouflaging the Grit Box. It was suggested that the street furniture around the village centre area could be upgraded in harmony with the new Garden, perhaps incorporating a Lion's Mouth theme. In time this could be extended throughout Burton and beyond. As a first step, the Clerk will obtain brochures and prices.

## 11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

The Footpath report has been sent to Eddie McWilliam for approval. This is in two parts; a list of repairs and corrections and a summary of the paths to be maintained.

## 12 POULTRY FARM

Beverly Green advises that the farm have still not supplied the monitoring report on the first cycle. The Borough will not be monitoring the second cycle as they no longer own the Towles Field Pumping Station where their monitor was located. They are attempting to agree continued use with Severn Trent Water, the new owners, in time for the third cycle, after 12th May. Mr Topham thought that he might be able to find an alternative location if need be and the Clerk will liaise with Miss Green.

## 13 ENVIRONMENT

**Estate Boundary Wall.** Concern was expressed by some Councillors at the sums of money which Mr Peatfield had indicated at the last meeting to be necessary to restore the wall. Before leaving, Councillor Shields had advised that he intends to continue pursuing the matter though the costs will be borne by the Estate, not by Council Tax payers.

It was noted that the quality of the wall varied significantly, from the attractive dry stone in some sections to the plain brick, not properly buttressed, as on Loughborough Road, Burton. The Chairman pointed out that this was a

matter for decision by the Borough.

**Overhanging Tree, Loughborough Road, Burton.** An Inspector had visited the site but had been inadequately briefed by his office and looked at the wrong tree. He will come out again.

**Travellers.** It was reported that there is easy vehicle access to the Common where a footpath crosses Melton Road, between Hurst Hill and Horse Leys farms. The Clerk will point this out to Mr Trevor Eggleston and to Mr Jamie Bailey, advising that the Council will not be prepared to finance eviction of any travellers who may get on to the Common.

**Hunt Saboteurs.** Following receipt of the letter sent last month, Inspector Boulton arranged for DC Marriott to call on the Clerk. He was advised that Mrs Andrea Eggleston and Ms Sally Gay of Prestwold should have more direct knowledge. The Police are taking this enquiry very seriously and are conducting interviews with both sides although so far there seems to be a lack of first hand evidence of violence or law breaking. It seems to be the case that saboteurs are very aware of the law and are careful to stay on the right side of it, however narrowly.

**Airfield Activities.** There was a great deal of noise from helicopters last Friday. There were two machines and whilst they appeared to be operating from the Wymeswold end of the main runway, they were overflying Burton on very short flights, seemingly joy rides of 5/10 minutes duration in the direction of Six Hills, over a period of several hours. Complaints were made to the Borough Council and Mr Nick Hodgett came out in response. He will be writing to the Estate representatives since there is no permission for such activities, the current Application having not yet been heard.

The next meeting of the Airfield Liaison Committee is scheduled for 9th May, the afternoon of the next Parish Council meeting. Mrs Pickford cannot attend and Mrs Edmonds will deputise.

**Mobile Telephone Transmitter Masts.** A letter from Andy Reed MP asks for views and comments about siting of these. It was agreed to respond that the only mast in our parishes, east of Burton in open countryside off Melton Road causes no problems but that such masts should always be located away from residential areas and screened so far as possible.

## 15 FINANCIAL

A letter had been received from Mr Craig, Headteacher at the Primary School expressing thanks for the grant towards refurbishing benches.

## 16 CHEQUES

Authorisation was given for the following cheques which have been issued

since the last Meeting, before the year end:

Borough of Charnwood	lighting	18.58
G Walker & Sons	benches	211.50
Moss Solicitors	land transfer	75.00
EBBA	basketball sleeve	327.83
		reissue

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	227.40 /
L & RAPLC	subscription	159.75 /
Local Council Review	subscription	9.99 /
L & RPFA	subscription	15.00 /
L & RRCC	subscription	20.00 /
G & J Lambert	maintenance	198.00 /

## 16 MISCELLANEOUS

It was agreed that it would be inappropriate to become involved either in a campaign by the **Glenfield Hospital Breast Care Appeal** against transfer of the Breast Care Centre to another Hospital or to financially support the **Winged Fellowship**. It was agreed to support Mr Paul Sutton's attendance at the **International Tree Foundation AGM** but not to attend the **L & R APLC AGM** or the **East Midlands Strategy 100** conference. No entry would be made to the **Best Kept Village Competition**.

A letter from Andy Reed MP explaining the Government's position on **rural Post Offices** in the light of pending changes in social security benefit payments will be circulated. It was agreed to respond to a letter from Burton resident Dr Alan Walker advocating **daffodil planting** outside our villages by informing him that this will be considered as part of an ongoing programme of village improvements.

## 17 PRESS RELEASE

This will refer to Mr Kuziara's letter, the parking situation in Seymour Road, the Millennium projects, footpaths and the Poultry Farm.

## 18 NEXT MEETINGS

The three Parish Annual meetings will take place on 9th May, Cotes at 7.00 p.m., Prestwold at 7.10 p.m. and Burton at 7.20 p.m. The Parish Council AGM will be held at 7.30 p.m. followed by the monthly meeting at 7.45 p.m.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

## MILLENNIUM GARDEN

### Current Situation, 11.4.00

- 1 Diana Edmonds and Margaret Pickford are acting as joint Coordinators/Project Managers and had a first meeting with the Clerk last week.
2. The two meetings with the artist Martin Heron to formulate the 'Grasslands' artwork were each attended by about a dozen villagers. As a result Martin has started work on the piece, a sycamore log being crafted to depict local flora and fauna, principally an owl. He is working on it each day outside the Village Hall and should be finished in a week or so.
3. The Transfer document for purchase of David Harrison's land has been drawn up and this transaction is about to be completed.
4. The Borough Council have now decided to sell the remaining land to us and the District Valuer has fixed an Open Market Value of £100. This has been put in hand and Ken Byass is again acting for us.
5. Sally Eden, the Borough Senior Landscape Officer has been a great help and has drawn up various specifications, budgets and drawings in consultation with the Clerk. These will be available at tonight's meeting.
6. Andrew Brown (ATB Construction) has quoted £4275 for site clearance and hard landscaping.
7. Ray Hardy (Wolds Property Improvements) feels that there is little he can contribute to this project but recommends Trevor Smith, of Mundy Close, as a Landscape Gardener.
8. Total costs are now assessed at £16,925 which includes £4000 of 'desirable extras' - an archway and mosaic patterning in paving.
9. The Borough have confirmed a Millennium Grant of £2500 which together with our £5000 commitment means we now have £7500 firm (the Grasslands Artwork being fully funded by Charnwood Wildlife Project). Additional grants have been applied for and the total funding package is now:

Parish Council	£5000 confirmed
CBC Millennium	2500 confirmed

L E A F	5000 requested
Transco	1000 requested
Awards for All	<u>3000</u> requested

£16,500

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10. In addition, application is being made to the Borough for a commissioned bench under their Charnwood Views Public Arts Initiative.
11. The likely timescale is midsummer start (July?) once the results of the grant applications are known. The success or otherwise of these applications will determine the scale of the final project.
12. There needs to be a campaign to raise awareness throughout the village so as to maximise volunteer contributions.

KWD 11.4.00

Re -

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Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

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**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the previous Minutes.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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**5 OTHER BUSINESS**

It was agreed that five minutes would be allowed for this annual meeting and for those of the other parishes in our grouping in future

There being no other business, the Meeting was closed at 7.12 p.m.

*R. Saunders*

## **PARISH OF PRESTWOLD**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1999/2000**

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**Present:**

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**1 APOLOGIES**

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**3 MATTERS ARISING**

Mrs Spicer advised that the formalities surrounding the introduction of a 30 mph speed limit through Cotes have been extremely protracted but it is expected that the scheme will come into operation within the next few months. The County Council have been unwilling to erect a 'Dangerous Crossroads' sign.

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**5 OTHER BUSINESS**

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Rachael Saunders

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Mrs D Edmonds

Mr R Moyle

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mr I Sharpe

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: The Mayor of Charnwood (Cllr. Barry Powell) [Items 1 - 13]  
Mr S Peatfield, Chief Executive, Borough of Charnwood [Items 10 - 13]  
Mrs D Goodman (County Councillor) [Items 1 - 9]  
Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)  
One Local Government Elector

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence, all Members being present.

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

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**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising other than those covered elsewhere in the Agenda.

The Chairman welcomed the Mayor of Charnwood, Councillor Barry Powell, to the meeting. The Mayor advised that he would be joined later by Mr Stephen Peatfield, Chief Executive whose arrival was delayed by a prior meeting of the Borough Cabinet.

**4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Traffic through Burton.** Mr Kuziara advises that he hopes to give a formal response to the queries raised in January in time for our next meeting. They have been short of staff but are recruiting.

**Seymour Road, Burton - double yellow lines.** Residents have again been fined for parking on these lines and the Clerk has written to Mr Brogden at the County Council asking that either the work be put in hand quickly or that they request those responsible for Traffic Wardens to refrain from issuing tickets for this section of road in view of the pending change. Councillor Mrs Goodman has been consulted about this change and will reply positively. The Police will be asked to assist regarding non-issuance of tickets.

**Footpath, Barrow Road to Springfield Close, Burton.** This path has now been cleared though Mr Topham expressed some reservations about the quality of work.

**Cotes traffic signs.** Mrs Spicer advised that this scheme has now been carried out.

**Prestwold Village sign.** A negative reply has been received from the County Council who are unwilling to relocate this sign which, they say, conforms to Department of Transport guidelines.

**Road markings in Burton.** The red strip markings will be replaced during April/May. The cats' eyes will not be replaced as the policy is not to install these where there is street lighting and no double white lines. This latter news was received with disappointment and Councillor Mrs Goodman volunteered to take the matter up with the County authorities. It appears that the Highway Engineers at Melton Mowbray may be acting independently of Mr Kuziara's investigations and this will be drawn to Mr Kuziara's attention.

**Divisional Engineer, Melton Mowbray.** Following the death of Mr David Bailey, Mrs K Notman has been appointed on a temporary basis, from 21st February 2000 until 31st March 2001 pending the outcome of a Highway Services Review.

## **5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

Ray Hardy has completed the improvements to the playwall and his invoice for £625.00 has been received. This is recoverable in full from the Borough Council.

## **6 VILLAGE HALL**

The Chairman reported that the new Roll of Honour had been installed and the old one rehung at a short informal though dignified ceremony at the Village Hall on 10th March.

## **7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

A further letter from Mr White of the PCC expresses grateful thanks for the Council's decision to pay for the replacement Burial Ground gates. They are

arranging insurance. The Vicar asks to be consulted about the type of surface to be installed at the entrance prior to commencement. Quotations are awaited from Ray Hardy and from Andrew Brown.

A quotation has been received from Paul Hubbard of £680.00 to cut and lay the allotment hedge, filling gaps and burning the residue. It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Topham and carried that this be accepted.

## **8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

Mr Topham advised that Inspector Boulton had visited the School to meet with the Headteacher, the Clerk and himself and to see the traffic problem at first hand. He appeared sympathetic to local concerns and is arranging for the Traffic Department to come out and report. This report is awaited and the Clerk will follow up.

## **9 PLANNING**

**P/99/00001, Proposed Developments at Burton Hall.** A copy of the Planning Inspector's report dated 29th February has been received upholding the Borough Council's decision to refuse this application on two grounds, that the immediate setting of the listed Hall is too sensitive to admit new construction on the scale shown and that highway considerations reinforce the planning objections. This decision was welcomed and Councillor Shields advised that it is now for the developers to decide what they do next. Meantime Enforcement Officers are keeping watch on the condition of the empty Hall.

Two Applications had been received with deadlines before this meeting:  
**P/00/00192 - proposed change of use of Agricultural Buildings at Wymeswold Lodge, Narrow Lane, Wymeswold (K Mills & Son)** and

**P/00/00259 - proposed conversion of Barn at rear of Langs Restaurant, Melton Road, Burton to Conference Room with Accommodation over (Mr G Lang).**

No objections had been raised.

**P/00/00419 - proposed two storey extension and addition of bay windows to rear of 36-38 Melton Road, Burton (J Searson).** There was no objection to this Application.

**P/00/00515 - Demolition of Store and Erection of Portal Framed Agricultural Store to replace Barn - Horse Leys Farm, Melton Road, Burton.** This appears on the current weekly listing but no details have been received. As this is scheduled for Agricultural Development Determination, this Council's views might not be sought.

## 10 MILLENNIUM

Further sales of the **Millennium Book** total £13.50 taking the surplus to £230.01

Capitol Stone advise that they are about to commence work on the **Lion's Mouth Fountain** and intend to remove the inner bowl to a workshop this week. Two men should commence work on the stonework within a week or two and the job should take about six weeks. Gary Dickman is again in charge of this project, Mike Shelton having left the firm, and he has been reminded of the County and Borough requirements regarding consultation etc. The County have asked about progress since they can accept a claim for the current financial year only up to 28th April and have been advised of the situation.

A Meeting was held in the Village Hall on 22nd February involving Village Hall Management Committee and Playgroup Members, Sally Eden and Gillian Routledge as well as Parish Council members regarding the **Wildlife Garden** project. Good progress had been made and applications for grant assistance will be formulated by the Clerk in conjunction with Ms Eden. Total costs are estimated at between £8 - 15,000 whilst desirable extras could be up to £10,000 more. The final figure will be dependent on grants available. The Parish Council's commitment is £5,000 and it is hoped that there will be some element of voluntary labour and donation of plants etc. It is hoped that a sizable grant will be forthcoming from LEAF (Leicestershire Environmental Action Fund) who will next be considering applications Mid April. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that Graham Lambert be invited to clear the Village Hall surrounds as preparation for commencement of the project. The Clerk will first check the legal situation since land transfer is not yet complete, with Ken Byass.

In conjunction with the above, the proposed **Grassland Work of Art**, funded by Charnwood Wildlife, is going ahead. The nominated Artist, Martin Heron, was present at the above meeting and will be holding two workshops in the Village Hall on 21st and 23rd March to formulate ideas on the form the piece will take.

These two schemes need to be coordinated with the Village Hall Committee's own project for repaving and fencing a secure area around the Hall. The Clerk, who professes no skills where either art or gardens are concerned, asked that a coordinator/project manager be appointed to oversee these schemes. Mrs Edmonds will attempt to identify such an individual. The Clerk will continue with the administrative side and will assist the Village Hall Committee with their application for grant aid.

## 11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS

Mrs Saunders advised that a satisfactory meeting with Eddie McWilliam, Graham Lambert and the Clerk had taken place on 18th February. A schedule will now be drawn up of those headland sections of footpath which the Parish will maintain, with grant assistance from the County, and also of any repairs or renewals needed. Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe has been advised of what is planned and, since a number of paths cross his land, he would like a consultative meeting when we are ready.

## 12 POULTRY FARM

The first growing cycle under the new arrangements was completed on 9th February and the farm and Borough Council samples were each sent for analysis. The results are awaited although it is understood that the Borough readings were low. Mr Peatfield gave some background to the current situation. Mr Topham volunteered to provide a site for monitoring for a short period in response to a request from the Borough.

## 13 ADDRESS BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD

Mr Peatfield gave details of the make up of the 2000/01 Council Tax and some discussion followed on various aspects including CCTV cameras.

He also gave summaries on various local subjects of which he had been pre advised including Airfield activities, travellers and the **Prestwold Hall boundary wall**. On the last of these, he advised that the Borough had been constrained by the "Skerritt case" which ruled that boundary walls at a distance from a listed building could not be considered part of that listed property. However, only today it appears that that ruling has been overturned. A meeting had previously been held, on 1st March, with the Agents who are to prepare costed proposals. The first estimates for repairs were £80,000 overall of which £20,000 is immediate.

The Chairman thanked the Mayor and the Chief Executive for their attendance and for their contributions to the Meeting.

## 14 ENVIRONMENT

**Overhanging Tree near Old School House, Loughborough Road, Burton.** The Clerk has spoken to Mrs Pat Ayres at County Hall and she will arrange for a Tree Inspector to look into this.

**Street Cleansing.** The proposed Borough meeting on 2nd March received insufficient support and was cancelled. Our particular concerns were discussed on the telephone and it was agreed that, should our roads become very dirty between scheduled three monthly sweeps, then a special visit will be arranged.

**Travellers.** A small group moved on to the bottom end of the Common on 9th February but left on 18th February following a short spell of inclement weather.

**East Midlands Airport.** A letter dated 21st February consults local Councils regarding proposed departure routes for jet aircraft joining the national north/south airways. The proposed route passes between Cotes and Prestwold and would appear to be an effort to avoid overflying our villages. It was agreed to accept the proposals. The letter will be circulated to members.

**Hunt Saboteurs.** Incidents involving violent conduct on the part of Hunt saboteur groups towards members of the Quorn Hunt in our parishes have been reported in the Press and Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe has asked the Council for its views. It was agreed that, without taking sides either pro- or anti- Hunt and upholding the right to peaceful protest, concern should be expressed to the Police about unlawful activities in our villages.

## 15 FINANCIAL

**Grants to local Organisations.** Mrs Saunders advised that the PFA wished to install a governed roundabout for smaller children which would cost £2175 plus £2106 for related safety surfaces. Another scheme for refurbishment of the Pavilion including new seating, lockers, furniture etc would cost £1242. A third project, for additional showers, had not yet been costed. Refurbishment of the kitchen is also desirable. Following discussion, Mrs Saunders was asked to prioritise these schemes. In principle there is agreement to support the PFA in their plans but sources of outside grants should be investigated. The Clerk can assist.

Mrs Edmonds, on behalf of the VHMC advised that the cost of the paving scheme was now reduced to £4,000 since part of it is now incorporated in the Wildlife Garden project. Charnwood will contribute £500. It was proposed Mr Moyle, seconded Mr Sharpe and carried that the Parish Council contribute £1500 to this scheme. It is understood that the balance of £2,000 will be funded equally by the VHMC and the Playgroup. No quotation has yet been obtained for the Village Hall ceiling.

## 16 CHEQUES

Authorisation was given for cheque to Gopak Ltd £920.14 for Village Hall furniture, issued since the last meeting

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	215.05
Wolds Property	playwall extension	625.00
PCC	burial ground gates	274.64
Xerox	photocopier drum	141.00

## 17 MISCELLANEOUS

**Inter Parish Meetings.** A letter has been received from Wymeswold Parish Council suggesting that meetings to discuss matters of common interest be held occasionally involving our two Councils, Hoton, Willoughby, Wysall and Rempstone. It was agreed to support this suggestion, with the addition of Walton on the Wolds and Seagrave.

**Register of Electors.** The new Registers have been received, showing the voting population of Burton and Cotes unchanged at 775 and 26 respectively, but with Prestwold falling from 59 to 48.

**Government threat to abolish Parish Councils.** A letter from the Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate inviting participation in a consultation about this apparent threat and a letter from the sitting Labour Member assuring that there is no such threat were notified. It was agreed that no action be taken as regards either.

**Annual Meeting between Parish Representatives and County Council.** This will take place on 10th May but there were no suggestions for topics.

**Leics Constabulary 'Driven to Distraction' Play)** These items  
National Spring Clean ) were  
L & RRCC Village Appraisal Seminar ) noted.

**Prestwold Hall, On -licence.** There was no comment on notification by Moss Solicitors that Henry Edward Weldon is applying for transfer to him of this on-licence.

## 18 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the visits of the Mayor and Chief Executive, Poultry Farm, Roll of Honour, Fountain, Wildlife Garden and Aircraft noise.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 8th February 2000, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)

Mrs D Edmonds

Mr R Moyle

Mrs M Pickford

Mrs R Saunders

Mr I Sharpe

Mrs L Spicer

Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R Shields (Borough Councillor)  
One Local Government Elector

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence, all Members being present.

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 11th January, were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising other than those covered in the Agenda.

**4 BUS SERVICES**

Mr Keith Shayshutt, Head of Development for Kinchbus (operators of the No. 8 service through our villages) and Mr Ian Forbes, representing the Public Transport Coordinator of the County Council were present at the request of the Parish Council to discuss perceived shortcomings in the service provided, in particular the timings of the first services to Loughborough and the last return service. Kinchbus are subsidised by the County Council to operate this Melton Mowbray/Loughborough route.

Mr Shayshutt explained that the timings are considered the best achievable with just two buses on the route, given the need to serve both Melton and Loughborough at convenient times for people starting and finishing work. Provision of a third vehicle would be prohibitively expensive. Support for the

services has increased slowly since the County Council grant permitted the frequency to be doubled to hourly a year or so ago but it is still not where Kinchbus need it to be.

In response to questions and comments from Members and, by invitation, from the floor it was clear that no research has been carried out as to real demand for services in this area. Mr Forbes advised that the County is conducting such research in the Vale of Belvoir and may at a later stage be able to do something similar in the Wolds. Although Mr Shayshutt felt there was no possibility of Kinchbus linking Burton with Barrow upon Soar, Mr Forbes felt that some other community solution might be possible in future, as had been done in Seagrave.

Whilst there had been no immediately positive outcome, the Chairman nevertheless thanked Mr Shayshutt and Mr Forbes for their attendance and for their contributions to local understanding of the issues.

## 5 ARTWORK PROJECT

Ms Gillian Rutledge, Environmental Education Officer of Charnwood Arts gave a short presentation on that organisation with particular regard to their scheme to create a **Public Arts Project on the theme of Grasslands** in one of the Wolds villages, possibly Burton. This will require community involvement alongside an artist commissioned to carry out the work, at Charnwood Wildlife expense. A site would be needed for the work (or works) as well as a location for the prior meetings and preparations. Although, as a small village, Burton does not have a range of Societies or groups, it was felt nevertheless that there would be support and that the work of art could well form the centrepiece of the Village Hall grounds landscape scheme. Mrs Saunders mentioned that the Millennium, Book had revealed 14 artists living in our community.

It was agreed that a subcommittee consisting of the Parish Council Millennium sub Committee and representatives of the Playgroup and Village Hall Management Committee would meet with the artist and Ms Rutledge as soon as possible to further this project. Charnwood Wildlife's funding is for the current financial year.

Ms Sally Eden, Senior Landscape Office of Charnwood Borough Council, who had been present and contributed to the above discussion, now joined the debate on the **Village Hall Landscaping Project**. The matter was discussed in some depth and further copies of the design plans distributed. Ms Eden believes that two/three weekends of hard work will be required in site clearance. The Clerk will talk to Ray Hardy about possible participation. The breakdown between volunteer and paid labour will determine the affordable cost, as will the amount of grants available. It was agreed that a meeting will be held on 22nd February at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall involving the Management Committee and Parish Council Millennium

subcommittee. Ms Eden will draw up estimated costs of the various elements for consideration then.

## 6 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

**Traffic through Burton.** There has been no news from Mr Kuziara as yet.

**Junction of Seymour Road and Brook Street, Burton.** The County Council have responded with a proposal to mark this junction so as to give Brook Street traffic priority. It was agreed that this is acceptable.

**Seymour Road, Burton double yellow lines.** The County Council have presented a drawing to illustrate the removal of these lines to allow two more parking spaces at the village centre end of Seymour Road and it was agreed that this is in accordance with the decision previously made.

**Footpath, Barrow Road to Springfield Close, Burton.** There has been no response as yet from the County Council to the request to attend to this path.

**Prestwold Village Sign.** Likewise no reply has yet been received to the request to move this sign.

## 7 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION

The surplus gang mower has been sold for £400 which has been received by the Council.

Mrs Saunders advised that the Borough Council have agreed to make a grant for the basketball net. There is still a possibility of grant aid for the Millennium Childrens party.

## 8 VILLAGE HALL

**Roll of Honour.** Unwins have effected first aid repairs to the plasterwork damaged when installing the lighting. The Clerk met with them and it seems that the poor condition of the wall/plasterwork is at the root of the problem. The Clerk will arrange to hang the two boards and it was agreed that there will be a simple ceremony on Friday 10th March at 7.30 p.m. to unveil the new memorial. This will be advertised in the 'Link' and on Notice Boards; surviving relatives will be notified directly. Light refreshments will be provided.

Jill Myring has succeeded Frances Walker as Hon. Secretary of the Management Committee.

A letter from the Treasurer, Jenny Ward, gave details of furniture ordered totalling an estimated £806.04 and it was agreed that this would be ordered

through the Council on behalf of the Committee.

Mrs Pickford reported that a water meter has now been installed. A no smoking policy has been agreed. There is no cleaner at present.

## **9 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

A letter dated 18th January from Philip White, Secretary of the PCC was read asking for assistance with payment for new Burial Ground gates, in total £274.64. It was proposed Mrs Edmonds, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried that the Council meet this bill in full with the proviso that they must be insured by the PCC.

The Chairman felt that it would be beneficial to lay a hard surface path at the entrance to the burial ground as this section up the incline becomes muddy and difficult in wet weather. The Clerk will get quotations for this work.

It was noted that in 1998/99 Burial Ground Income (fees) at £461 exceeded Expenditure (£441) whereas in the current year to date fees are only £95 and Expenditure £456.

A letter from Chris Ward, Secretary to the Allotment and Garden Society requests attention to the hedge alongside Melton Road, preferably by layering. This was agreed with Brooksby College, Paul Hubbard of Wymeswold and the County Council suggested as possible contractors.

## **10 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

A discouraging reply had been received from Mr Majewicz of the County Council regarding the traffic issues raised on behalf of the school. They have no budget for a bus bay and are unwilling to install rumble strips. They have approached the enforcement officer with regard to planting at Nrs. 47 and 49 Barrow Road which must not exceed one metre in height at the visibility splay. They again ask us to fund a 'courtesy' message sign on the village nameplate in Barrow Road at a cost of approx. £70; this will be declined as serving no useful purpose.

Mr Topham advised that PC Hewitt had recently visited the school and had seen the traffic problems for himself. It has been arranged that Inspector Boulton will come out on 16th February to look at the situation with the Headteacher, Mr Topham and the Clerk. No reply will be sent to the County Council until after this visit.

## **11 PLANNING**

**P/99/01847 - proposed two storey garage and bedroom extension at 7 Hall Drive, Burton.** An amendment had been received to this application to which the Council had previously objected. It was



agreed that that the amendments were of very minor significance and that the original objection should stand.

**P/99/02394 - proposed use of land west of Prestwold Hall, Wymeswold Airfield and Hangar 4 for recreational activities (Trustees of the Prestwold 1966 Settlement and Everyman Rural Pursuits).** This latest application seeks to further extend the range of activities by allowing up to 40 helicopter landings on 20 days each year as well as relocating other activities. The applicants wish to operate year round on any day, including Bank Holidays, except Sundays and to extend the hours of operation in summer to 7 p.m.

Mrs Pickford advised that a meeting of the Liaison Committee had been held at Prestwold Hall on 2nd February without the Borough Council representatives but including for the first time Mr Brian Sheldon, Chairman of Wymeswold Parish Council and Mr John Farnham of Everyman. This had been in the nature of a fact finding mission with the Estate and Everyman representatives anxious to allay residents fears. A tour of the site and demonstration by a rally car was included and this latter had in fact clearly demonstrated the source of the tyre screech complaints. Disappointingly, it was clear from Mr Sheldon's contribution and from telephone conversations he had had with the Chairman and with the Clerk that Wymeswold are prepared to agree this application with some safeguards, seeing it as preferable to housing development on the airfield.

The application has aroused strong feelings in Burton and Prestwold and Mrs Pickford advised that many letters of individual objection had been sent. The Clerk had prepared a draft response objecting in the strongest terms and after discussion it was agreed that this should be sent.

## **12 MILLENNIUM**

Further sales of the **Millennium Book** amount to £22.50, taking the surplus to £216.51. It was agreed to submit a copy of the Book to the County Council 'Our Sense of Place' Millennium project.

## **13 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

Eddie McWilliam of the County Council has expressed himself satisfied with our proposals and a meeting is being set up next week with Mrs Saunders, the contractor (G & J Lambert) and the Clerk to finalise details.

## **14 POULTRY FARM**

There was no further news.

## 15 ENVIRONMENT

**Overhanging Tree near Old Schoolhouse, Loughborough Road, Burton.** There was no news from Mrs Goodman and the Clerk will contact her.

**Borough Council Cleansing Meeting, 2nd March.** It was agreed that the Clerk should attend this meeting to raise the issues previously discussed. Mrs Saunders advised that she had reported spillages from green and black bags on Sowters Lane, Burton.

## 16 FINANCIAL

Following the debate at the previous meeting, the Clerk had prepared for the Chairman a summary of Powers and Duties of Parish Councils as regards expenditure.

Mrs Edmonds advised that the Village Hall Management Committee have received an estimate of £6000 for paving and fencing the Hall surrounds, to provide a safe area for the Playgroup. They and the Playgroup can each raise £2000 and assistance from the Parish Council would enable the work to go ahead. It was proposed Mr Sharpe, seconded Mr Topham and agreed that up to £2000 be made available for this purpose. The Clerk will liaise with Mrs Edmonds as regards possible grants which might reduce the contributions of the three parties.

A letter dated 25th January from the Headteacher of Burton School, was read requesting support for provision of benches for waiting parents. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried that up to £200 pre VAT be made available for this purpose.

A request from Burton on the Wolds Pre School Playgroup for assistance of up to £160 for purchase of books and learning aids was deferred to allow further enquiries to be made.

## 17 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

John Unwin Ltd	lighting	166.38
K W Davies	salary/expenses	315.64
Charnwood Borough	election expenses	82.98
Viking Direct	stationery	46.00
Severn Trent	water (3)	155.46
S A Electronics	Village Hall	90.00
Leics Footpath Assoc	subscription	4.00

## 18 MISCELLANEOUS

**Charnwood Chief Executive.** Mr Peatfield would like to attend our next meeting, and this was welcomed.

**Quorn LPU Commander.** Inspector Boulton had written following the last meeting offering to meet the Council to discuss policing matters. This was noted for future reference.

**Leicestershire Footpath Assoc AGM** )  
**South Charnwood NHS Workshop)** )  
**Charnwood end of Civic Year Reception)** These were all noted.  
**Environment Challenge 2000** )  
**Britain in Bloom competition** )

## 10 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover Bus Services, the Artwork and Landscaping projects and the Prestwold Hall/Airfield Planning Application.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 11th January 2000, commencing at 7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D Minkley (Chairman)  
Mrs D Edmonds  
Mr R Moyle  
Mrs M Pickford  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mrs L Spicer  
Mr K Topham

K W Davies (Clerk)

In attendance:      Mr S Kuziara, Group Manager, Transport Programmes and Improvements, Leicestershire County Council  
                            Inspector S Boulton, Quorn LPU Commander, Leicestershire Constabulary  
                            County Councillor Mrs D Goodman  
                            Borough Councillor Mr R Shields  
                            36 Local Government Electors

**N.B.** Mr Kuziara, Mrs Goodman and 33 Electors left at the conclusion of 'Traffic through Burton'.

**1 APOLOGIES**

There was an apology for absence from Mr I Sharpe (prior engagement).

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 14th December 1999, were accepted as a true and correct record, subject to 'Andrew Bamber' being deleted and replaced by 'Andrew Granger & Co' under sub heading **Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall** on page 2311. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

The collection for Dave Cooper, the retired postman, reached a final figure of £883.50. The cost to the Council for refreshments at the presentation on 21st December was £75.62. The Chairman commented that this had been a very pleasant event, attended by nearly 100 villagers and Dave Cooper had expressed his gratitude for the generosity displayed.

A year previously it had been agreed to present the Wolds Historical Organisation with full copies of the Minutes for 1999, for their Millennium record, and it was agreed that these should now be handed over to Mrs Joan Shaw, who was present.

#### 4 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

##### Traffic through Burton

The Chairman welcomed Mr Kuziara, who attended at the invitation of the Parish Council, and gave a brief summary of the problems Burton villagers experience from the volume and speed of traffic through the village, with particular reference to Heavy Goods Vehicles. Full details had been given in the letter of invitation. The short video made by Mr Colin Betts illustrating the problem was shown.

Mr Kuziara then gave a presentation on traffic problems in the County generally with particular reference to Burton and the Wolds villages. This was followed by questions and comments from Parish Councillors and then, at the Chairman's invitation, from the floor.

Whilst the County Council clearly recognise the problems in Burton, it was made clear that available funds are extremely limited and tend to be allocated to areas with bad records of personal injury accidents. Burton, with six such injuries over the last five years, is not high on the list. The likelihood of any action to restrict the volume of vehicles is accordingly negligible, especially as there is not considered to be any viable alternative route. There is no likelihood of Government funding becoming available for a Burton/Wymeswold bypass.

The mini roundabout and associated features introduced in the village centre 2/3 years ago are considered a success. Mr Kuziara showed figures indicating reductions in 85th percentile speeds of 9%, 32% and 12% respectively at the western, central and eastern points in Burton since that time. Measures to enhance traffic calming and reduce speeds further were discussed in detail and it seems that the County may be more receptive to measures of this kind. Mr Kuziara took note of a number of specific suggestions and promised to respond in due course.

Inspector Boulton said that the Police carry out speed checks in Burton from time to time but are well aware that many road users carry on as before as soon as they are gone. Cameras are expensive to install and to supply with film. The Constabulary do not have the resources to process the film and attend to the relevant paperwork within the 14 days allowed in law.

The Chairman thanked Mr Kuziara (and also Inspector Boulton) for his contribution and asked him to take note of the strength of feeling which had been evident from the size of the audience and the many pertinent



comments and questions. It is hoped that , after due consideration, there will be a positive response from the County Council.

**N.B.** At this point most Electors left whilst Inspector Boulton, Councillor Shields and three Electors remained for the rest of the Meeting.

**Signpost, Stanford Lane, Cotes.** At last a response has been received from the County Council who propose replacing the former 'fingerpost' sign with a sequence of modern standard direction signs around the junction. Mrs Spicer is in touch with them with some further suggestions.

**Local Bus Service.** The Head of Development for Kinchbus is willing to attend the February Council Meeting. Confirmation is still awaited from Mr Holden of the County Council.

**Junction of Seymour Road and Brook Street, Burton.** The County Council have acknowledged our request but a full response is still awaited.

**Footpath, Barrow Road to Springfield Close, Burton.** No response has yet been received to the problem reported at the last Meeting.

**Prestwold Village Sign.** Mr Moyle reported that an accident occurred recently when a horse rider, moving off the grass verge to get around the 'Prestwold' sign on the Hoton side of the Parish, was hit by a car. A request will be made for this sign to be relocated so that riders do not have to leave the verge.

## 5 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION

G & J Lambert have quoted for maintenance during 2000 on the same basis as before with a minor uplift in prices totalling 1.7% or £26 over the full contract. This includes cutting the hedge on the Towles Fields side of the Playing Field which was added last Autumn. It was agreed to accept this quotation.

Mrs Saunders advised that the Pavilion redecoration has now been carried out. The basketball net is not yet in place. The Borough have not confirmed as yet that a grant towards improving the playwall will be available.

## 6 VILLAGE HALL

Lights have now been fitted for the two **War Memorials** but the contractors, John Unwin Ltd, have damaged the plasterwork. They will be asked to remedy this and their cheque will be withheld for the time being. The boards need to be hung and the Clerk will arrange this. Mrs Edmonds will advise evening dates available for unveiling the new Memorial to the Clerk.

There is no further news regarding the Wildlife Project as yet.

## **7 BURIAL GROUND/ALLOTMENTS**

There was nothing to report.

## **8 SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

There has been no further news from the County regarding traffic calming and a bus layby.

## **9 PLANNING**

There were no new Applications to consider but Andrew Bamber of Andrew Granger & Co had contacted the Clerk regarding an imminent Application to alter and extend the existing Everyman Racing permission on the Prestwold Hall Estate and Airfield. He suggested a preliminary meeting to involve Mr Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe and himself, and possibly a representative of Everyman, to discuss any matters that need clarification before we make a formal response. It was agreed that Mrs Pickford, Mr Moyle and the Clerk should attend such a meeting. Mr Bamber had also advised that OTE will not be continuing their activities, having failed to reach agreement with the landlords, but the new Application referred to above seeks to take over some of the OTE activities, particularly use of Hangar 4 for film/television work. His suggestion of Tuesday 9th May for the next meeting of the Liaison Committee was accepted.

A Circular dated 4th January from Charnwood Borough on **Revised Street Naming Procedure** will be circulated amongst members.

## **10 MILLENNIUM**

Profit on the **Millennium Book** has now reached £194.01 though sales now seem to be slowing down. Mr Topham suggested that, as these profits were in the nature of a windfall, consideration should be given to releasing them for worthy projects, perhaps for the School or for the Playgroup/Village Hall to help with their project to repave the surrounds. Although these profits have been taken in to the Current Account and are indistinguishable from total Parish Council funds, it was agreed that should the bodies mentioned wish to put proposals for worthwhile projects before the Council, sympathetic consideration would be given.

There had been no movement on other Millennium projects.

## **11 FOOTPATHS/BRIDLEWAYS**

There was nothing new to report.

## 12 POULTRY FARM

There was nothing to report.

## 13 ENVIRONMENT

**Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall.** Councillor Shields had no further news.

**Overhanging Tree near Old Schoolhouse, Loughborough Road, Burton.** As Councillor Mrs Goodman had left earlier, there was no news.

## 14 FINANCIAL

Members received an Outturn Forecast for the current year, forecasting a deficit of £924 which, added to the surplus brought forward, should give an accumulated surplus of £6916. Explanatory notes on the variance from budgeted £5635 surplus were included.

A pro forma Budget for 2000/2001 estimates a deficit on the year of £2540 if the current £7000 precept is maintained. This deficit is largely accounted for by proposed Millennium expenditure and would still leave an accumulated surplus of £4376.

Discussion followed on the level of Precept required. The Clerk felt it his duty to advise Members that in addition to the Current Account/Business Reserve, to which all the figures above relate, there is a Capital Reserve which stood at £20,212 at the start of the current year and will still be around £20,000 at year end. Much of this balance, £14,272, is derived from Interest earnings over the last ten years and should have been transferred into the Business Reserve year by year. What this means is that there are substantial funds available to meet all currently envisaged spending and that there is no compelling need to raise any additional money whatever through the Precept. It will be difficult to justify maintaining these substantial balances unless there are firm plans to utilise them in the reasonably short term.

Members felt that worthy projects should be put before the Council to be financed from the surpluses. The Clerk reminded members that there are strict regulations binding Parish Councils in matters of expenditure. He will bring full details to the next meeting.

It was agreed, by a majority, that the Precept should again be set at £7000 for the coming year.

## 15 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K W Davies	salary/expenses	214.73
K W Davies	postman's farewell drinks etc	89.60
Intl. Tree Foundation	subscription	20.00
T Bagley	TV hire	20.00

## 16 MISCELLANEOUS

**Twinning.** It was decided to take no action on a letter from Charnwood Borough on this subject.

## 17 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover mainly Traffic through Burton, plus Bus Service to Loughborough, Traffic Signs at Cotes and the Precept.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.